

APPENDIX F

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Date: October 7, 2004

TELEPHONE: 903-510- 9241

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October 7, 2004

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Order No.: 10-5-2046

Control: 0190-04-033
Project: US 69 Lindale Reliever Route
Highway: US 69
County: Smith
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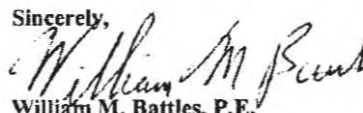
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Control: 0190-04-033
Project: US 69 Lindale Relieve Route
Highway: US 69
County: Smith
Charge No.: 0190-04-033

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Control: 0190-04-033
Project: US 69 Lindale Reliever Route
Highway: US 69
County: Smith
Charge No.: 0190-04-033

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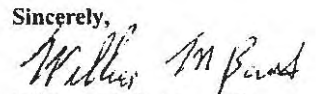
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Project: US 69 Lindale Reliever Route
Highway: US 69
County: Smith
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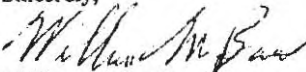
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November 18, 2004

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1	Jerry Terry			
2	Lynn Perkins			
3	Phillip Hanley			
4	Kevin Newman			
5	Glen Cowart			
6	Kevin Cooner			
7	Wayne Danna			
8	RJ HORN			
9	Judy Page			
10	Joe & Vicki Wells			
11	Larry Wynn			
12	Gerald Olyard			
13	CHARLES METZ			
14	Terry & Linda Lockhart			
15	Mark Neuschater			
16	DAVID NUFER			
17	Edward Neely			
18	Forrest Hunt			
19	Danny Boone			
20	AL Hess			

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42	BILL KASHOUTY		
43	HERB HAVENS		
44	CHUCK FREEDMAN		
45	EVALDE FREEDMAN		
46	Sammy Bay		
47	Jeff Clark		
48	Sammy Cosby		
49	William Cosby		
50	MICHAEL BARTLEY		
51	John & Lynne		
52	Donald K. Crawford		
53	HAROLD SPIDYE		
54	Larry Packer		
55	Peggy Sheppard		
56	TODD LAW		
57	PATRICK THOMAS		
58	Jean Rhoads		
59	Toni Miles		
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62 PAT TURNER			
63 JOE N. WELLS			
64 Howard Bezzel			
65 Bambi Henderson			
66 Glenn Campbell			
67 THOMAS G. GREEN			
68 RAY KENDALL			
69 Gayle Willey			
70 Wayne Jones			
71 Joe Swindeman			
72 John Maston			
73 George L. Sharp			
74 Farris W. Sharp			
75 Anita Anderson			
76 Allen Ross			
77 Rex Neely			
78 Mary Ann McCleary			
79 Owen L. Lott			
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82 DOUG RAESDALE			
83 BRYAN BROWN			
84 JANE KLEMM			
85 CHARLES KLEMM			
86 GUY V. JACKSON			
87 JAMES E. GARRET RUTLEDGE			
88 H. P. & DORIS A. FOLK			
89 ANN MOORE			
90 CHARLES LAWE			
91 SHIRLEY JOSEPH			
92 JAMIE BRUCE			
93 MONICA BROWN			
94 LINDA WESTERFELD & CHAD			
95 STEPHEN H. BRUNGER			
96 LAWRENCE TODD			
97 WILLIAM FLEMING			
98 KEN-DANA WHITE			
99 CAROLYN TODD			
00			

November 18, 2004

Your comments on the US 69 Relief Route Project and the alternative corridors under consideration are desired. You may:

- ** If you choose to provide your written comments we request that you place the provided sticker near to the location of your home or business on the aerial map at the comment table.

Comments:

(Use additional pages if needed)

Please indicate the date and include your name and mailing address:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

If you choose to mail your written comments, please mail by December 3, 2004

Timberline Baptist Camp
Attn: Douglas R. Crawford
15363 FM 849
Lindale, TX 75771

O.S. Leinart, M.D.
141 Cypress Point Circle
Lindale, TX 75771

Wayne D.
P.O. Box 412
Lindale, TX 75771

John & Lynne Tweedell
1606 Pineview Ln.
Hide Away, TX 75771

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2922 Pollard
Tyler, TX 75701

Bill Kashouty Mayor
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Hide Away, TX 75771

Charles Metz
127 St. Andrews Circle
Lindale, TX 75771

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506 E. North
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Joe & Vickey Wells
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Micheal Bartley
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Janell Klemme
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Howard Beggs
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Lindale, TX 75771

Mike Shepard
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Carolyn Todd
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Lindale, TX 75771

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Hide Away, TX 75771

Janet Riley
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Lindale, TX 75771

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Lindale, TX 75771

Joyce Hunt
1620 Ginger Dr.
Hide Away, TX 75771

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Patrick Thomas
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Hide Away, TX 75771

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Lindale, TX 75771

Joe N. Wells
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Kathy Parker
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Lindale, TX 75771

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Lindale, TX 75771

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Mayor of Lindale
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Jean Rhodes
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Lindale, TX 75771

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Lindale, TX 75771

Gayle W.
1246 Hideaway Lane West
Hide Away, TX 75771

Mary Ann McClenny
706 N. Georgia
Lindale, TX 75771

Duane B. Spaeth
147 Fairway Dr. East
Lindale, TX 75771

Bryan Brown
123 St. Andrews
Hide Away, TX 75771

James & Janet Rutledge
15428 Country Manor Rd.
Lindale, TX 75771

Ann Moore
19981 CR 4104
Lindale, TX 75771

Lynn Forsyth
15407 Country Manor
Lindale, TX 75771

Travis Brown
15432 Country Manor
Lindale, TX 75771

Linda Westerfeld
16441 Fox Run
Lindale, TX 75771

Lawerence Todd
18115 CR 431
Lindale, TX 75771

Ken & Donna White
17951 Autrey Ln.
Lindale, TX 75771

Mitchell Francis
801 B. Hickory St.
Lindale, TX 75771

James & Eva Fleming
17646 CR 431
Lindale, TX 75771

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1	Jerry Terry			
2	Lynn Perkins			
3	Phillip Hanley			
4	Kevin Newman			
5	Glen Cowart			
6	Kevin Coorna			
7	William Danner			
8	AJ HORN			
9	Judy Page			
10	Joe & Vicki Wells			
11	Larry Wynn			
12	Harold Cleland			
13	CHARLES METZ			
14	Terry & Linda Lockhart			
15	Mark Neuschater			
16	DAVID NUFER			
17	Edward Neely			
18	Forrest Hunt			
19	Nancy Boone			
20	AL Hess			

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42 BILL KASHOUTY			
43 HERB HAVENS			
44 CHUCK FREEDMAN			
45 EVALUE FREEDMAN			
46 Donna Gay			
47 Jeff Plunk			
48 Jamie Cosby			
49 Wayne Conner			
50 MICHAEL BARTLEY			
51 John & June			
52 Douglas R. Crawford			
53 HAROLD SPIDYE			
54 Kathy Tacker			
55 Peggy Sheppard			
56 TODD LAWZ			
57 PATRICK THOMAS			
58 Jean Rhoads			
59 Toni Miles			
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62 PAT TURNER			
63 JOE H. WELLS			
64 Howard Beggs			
65 Bambi Henderson			
66 Glenn Campbell			
67 THOMAS G. GREEN			
68 RAY KENDALL			
69 Gayle Lilly			
70 Karyn Jones			
71 Joe Swunden			
72 John Maston			
73 George L. Sharp			
74 Farris W. Sharp			
75 Anita Anderson			
76 Allen Ross			
77 Rex Neely			
78 Mary Ann McCleary			
79 Owen L. Lott			
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81	Duane B. Spaeth			
82	Doug Raesdale			
83	Bryan Brown			
84	Jane Klemme			
85	Charles Klemme			
86	Jimmy V. Jackson			
87	James E. Janet Rutledge			
88	W. P. Adams			
89	Ann Moore			
90	Charles Lawe			
91	Sharon Joseph			
92	Jamie Ann			
93	Merick Brown			
94	Linda Westorf			
95	Robert M. Frerking			
96	Lawrence G. Todd			
97	William A. Fleming			
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Comments: DO NOT DESIRE A TOLL ROAD PAYMENT
METHOD. WOULD PROBABLY LIKE ROUTE "D"
IF IT IS BROUGHT NORTH OF HWY 20. COULD
ALSO STOP IT AT HWY 20 AS A CHOICE.

(Use additional pages if needed)

Please indicate the date and include your name and mailing address:

Name: MICHAEL BARTLEY Date: 11/18/04

Mailing Address: 1521 TANGLEWOOD DRIVE EAST
HIDEAWAY, TX 75771

If you choose to mail your written comments, please mail by December 3, 2004

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Comments:

Route D" or E" will be built along the

side of the road.

(Use additional pages if needed)

Please indicate the date and include your name and mailing address:

Name:

John S. S. S. S.

Date:

11-18-04

Mailing Address:

12345 Main St.

Springfield, IL 62761

If you choose to mail your written comments, please mail by December 3, 2004

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Comments:

Please do not use Plan E.

(Use additional pages if needed)

Please indicate the date and include your name and mailing address:

Name: Janell Klemme Date: 11/16/04

Mailing Address: 618 Hideaway Lane East
Hideaway VA 75771

If you choose to mail your written comments, please mail by December 3, 2004

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Comments: PROPOSAL "E" WILL RUIN ~~HEAVY~~
~~BE~~ HIDE A WAY LAKE PROPERTY VALUES.

(Use additional pages if needed)

Please indicate the date and include your name and mailing address:

Name: Charles Kenna Date: 11-18-04

Mailing Address: 618 HIDE A WAY LN. E.
HIDEAWAY, TX

If you choose to mail your written comments, please mail by December 3, 2004

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Comments: Proposal "D" will wipe out
hide it away self storage at 69,
however if I get a decent price
for my property, "D" would be accep-
table.

(Use additional pages if needed)

Please indicate the date and include your name and mailing address:

Name: Charles Klumme Date: 11-18-04

Mailing Address: 618 HIDE A WAY LANE
HIDE AWAY, TX

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Comments:

option E would devalue my home
and the noise would and closer to
the house would make it unsellable.
Please do not use option E

(Use additional pages if needed)

Please indicate the date and include your name and mailing address:

Name: E. S. LEINART M.D. Date: 12 Nov 04

Mailing Address: 141 Cypress Point Circle Leinart

If you choose to mail your written comments, please mail by December 3, 2004

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Comments: My comments + those of my brother Robert
are enclosed in folders which I will leave with a
Highway Dept. representative. If you should need
to contact me for further clarification, please contact
me. Thank you

(Use additional pages if needed)

Please indicate the date and include your name and mailing address:

Name: Jerry + Linda Lockhart Date: 11/18/04
Mailing Address: 16053 CR 472
Tyler, TX 75706

If you choose to mail your written comments, please mail by December 3, 2004

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Comments: Corridor B would be less construction
of bridges and personal property

no tolls you never pay for them

(Use additional pages if needed)

Please indicate the date and include your name and mailing address:

Name: Wayne Danner Date: 11/18/04

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 412
Lindale, TX

If you choose to mail your written comments, please mail by December 3, 2004

F-2 Public Meeting Documentation – June 28, 2005

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



NEWS

Tyler District

CONTACT: Mike Battles, P.E.

TELEPHONE: 903-510- 9241

Date: May 20, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Meeting on June 28, 2005 to discuss possible routes for the US 69 Lindale Reliever Route. The meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Lindale at 402 W. Hubbard Street. This public meeting will be held in an open-house format with no formal presentation.

The US 69 Reliever Route will ultimately relieve traffic through the City of Lindale. TxDOT will display a proposal for developing this corridor as a toll facility with a connection to the proposed Loop 49 at IH – 20. Attendees will be encouraged to ask about toll facilities and to provide TxDOT comments and concerns regarding potential tolling as a method to expedite construction.

Questions and comments from the public regarding the social, environmental, and economic aspects of improvements will be considered in the environmental assessment. Information about the proposed project is available for review at the office of Mike Battles, P.E., District Design Engineer, 2709 W. Front Street in Tyler, Texas. Mr. Battles may be reached at (903) 510-9241. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

Persons who have special communication or accommodation needs and plan to attend this meeting are encouraged to contact Wynelle McDonald at (903) 510-9217 at least two work days prior to the meeting. Since this meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters should also be made at least two days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

TxDOT SCHEDULES JUNE 28 LOOP 49 MEETING IN LINDALE

By: MARK COLLETTE, Staff Writer

LINDALE - The public will have another chance next week to tell state officials where a key section of Loop 49 should or should not be built, the Texas Department of Transportation announced Monday.

TxDOT is holding an open-house style meeting June 28 in Lindale, where folks can weigh in on the proposed U.S. Highway 69 reliever route, designed to draw heavy traffic away from the city's bustling Main Street.

TxDOT officials emphasize no specific route has been chosen, but detailed environmental studies have zeroed in on a 1,000-foot-wide study area, or "preferred corridor." It runs from Interstate 20 southeast of Hideaway to U.S. 69 north of Lindale.

The corridor is a combination of two of the five proposed corridors, known as "D" and "E," presented by TxDOT at a public meeting last fall.

The final alignment will likely occupy about 450 feet of the 1,000-foot preferred corridor. Depending on the results of the studies and public input, the final alignment, in some areas, could end up shifting outside of the original study area.

The June 28 meeting will give the public a chance to point out areas of concern TxDOT may not have considered, including potential environmental problems or new areas of commercial or residential development that may have popped up since the studies.

Proposal "E" runs close to Hideaway's northeastern border, and its residents made staunch objections to that alignment. The detailed environmental study encompassed a corridor farther east.

The Hideaway Board of Aldermen passed a resolution last year to dissuade TxDOT from choosing "E," but transportation officials said the decision to look farther east was based on cost considerations and physical obstacles.

Hideaway residents turned out in force at the fall meeting, dominating a map with orange stickers that represented individual areas of concern. Most residents who placed orange stickers said they didn't want the noise, pollution and other headaches associated with proximity to a highway.

TxDOT officials say they hope to have another public hearing in 2006, once a specific highway alignment has been identified.

The final alignment must receive approval from the Federal Highway Administration, which reviews whether TxDOT has taken steps to avoid or mitigate environmental damage and other problems.

Late this week or early next week, Lindale and Hideaway residents should receive mailed invitations to the June 28 meeting, TxDOT officials said. They will be able to speak with TxDOT engineers and project consultants, and will have a chance to submit written comments.

How To Get Involved


What: TxDOT Loop 49, Lindale-area meeting...

When: June 28, 6 to 8 p.m., open-house style.

Where: First United Methodist Church, 402 W. Hubbard St., Lindale.

Mark Collette covers Smith County. He can be reached at 903.596.6303. e-mail: news@tylerpaper.com

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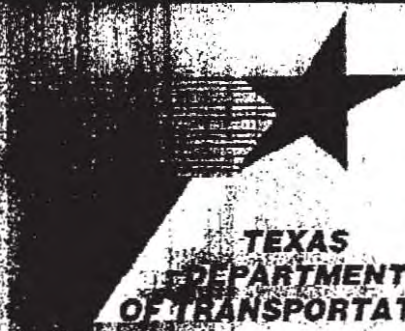
AVISO DE JUNTA PUBLICA

El Departamento de Transportes de Texas (TxDOT), estará llevando a cabo una Junta Pública el 28 de Junio del 2005, para discutir las posibles direcciones de la Ruta de Alivio de Lindale sobre la Carretera Federal 69 (US Hwy. 69). La junta se llevará a cabo de las 6:00 a 8:00 pm en la Iglesia First Methodist Church de Lindale, con dirección en 402 W. Hubbard Street. Esta junta pública se llevará a cabo de una manera Informal y sin presentaciones formales.

La Ruta de Alivio de la Carretera Federal 69, hará más fluído el tráfico en la ciudad de Lindale. El Departamento de Transportes de Texas (TxDOT) mostrará la propuesta para el desarrollo de este corredor como una carretera de cobro con una conexión al Periférico 49 propuesto (Loop 49) a la altura de la Carretera Interestatal 20 (IH 20). A las personas que asistan a dicha junta se les pedirá que hagan preguntas y que expresen sus comentarios y preocupaciones a los representantes de TxDOT con respecto al potencial cobro propuesto como un método para acelerar la construcción a la Ruta de Alivio.

Las preguntas y comentarios del público con respecto a los aspectos económicos, del medio ambiente y sociales de la realización de la Ruta de Alivio en Lindale, serán considerados en el estudio del medio ambiente. La información del proyecto propuesto estará disponible para su revisión en la oficina de Mike Battles, P.E., Ingeniero de Diseño del Distrito, con dirección en 2709 W. Front Street en Tyler, Texas. El Ingeniero Battles podrá ser localizado en el teléfono 903-510-9421. Todas las personas que deseen acudir, serán bienvenidas a la junta.

Las personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia y que tengan necesidades de comunicación y acomodación especial, favor de ponerse en contacto con Wynelle McDonald, TxDOT al (903) 510-9217, por lo menos dos días anteriores a la junta. Debido a que esta junta se llevará a cabo en inglés, cualquier pedido para intérpretes de idiomas u otras necesidades especiales de comunicación, también deberán ser hechas por lo menos dos días anteriores a la junta. TxDOT hará cualquier esfuerzo razonable para satisfacer estas necesidades.



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US 69 Lindale Reliever Route

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Lindale Reliever Route?

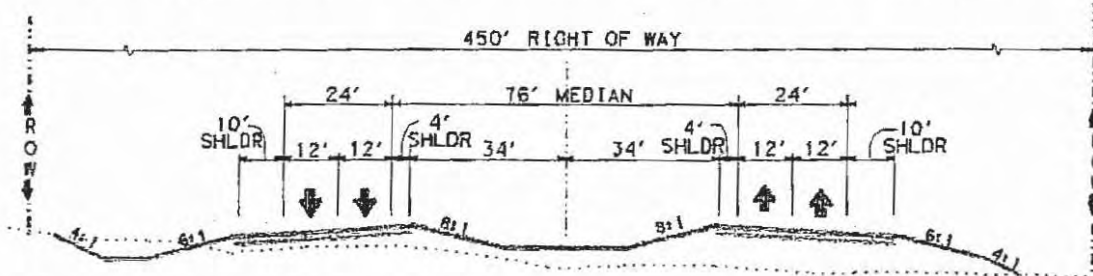
The Lindale Reliever Route is a new location, four-lane divided controlled access highway west of the City of Lindale. The reliever route is being studied as a means to improve mobility and increase the safety of the traveling public. The reliever route will decrease traffic congestion on US 69 through the City of Lindale and in turn, increase safety, by diverting non-local, thru-traffic onto a separate route.

Why is the Reliever Route West of Lindale?

The reliever route is West of the City of Lindale, so that it can serve the purpose of relieving traffic and improving safety on US 69 through the center of Lindale. The route was selected to be West, rather than East of the City due to the large amount of existing development East of US 69 in Lindale. Additionally, during the feasibility study, it was determined that a connection with the Tyler Loop 49 at IH 20 would provide a more convenient route for the US 69 traffic.

What is the proposed typical section?

The proposed typical section is a four-lane divided freeway section in a 450' right-of-way.



When is the Reliever Route scheduled for construction?

Using traditional funding methods, the Lindale Reliever Route would likely be funded for construction after 2030. However, if the reliever route is approved as a toll road, construction could begin as early as 2012.

Will it be a toll road?

The toll feasibility of the Lindale Reliever Route is currently under study. It is likely that a portion of the cost of construction will be deemed toll feasible, with the remaining cost to be obtained from State and Local funding sources.

For Additional Information Regarding the US 69 Lindale Reliever Route please contact:

Mike Battles, P.E.
TxDOT Tyler District
District Design Engineer
(903) 510 - 9241



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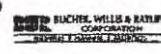
Dan Chapman, P.E.
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Project Manager
(800) 513-6678

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US 69 Lindale Reliever Route



ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES US 69 RELIEVER ROUTE LINDALE, TEXAS



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Jody Wilson			
ROBERT MARTIN			
Philip Farrington			
JACK FRESTON			
Wanda Cooke			
STEVE & Rita Gammann			
Farris Sharp			
Shirley Avey			
Billy Ray and Christene			
Charlie Jernigan			
James R. McCormack			
J.B. Fox			
Penny Hurst			
Bright Smith			
Polly Smith			
Joy HAGG			
A.L. HAGG			
Paul Bazil			
Garth Groves			

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Gary Murray			
Carol Balcer			
Mildred Pelly			
Ed. Wilson			
Joyce S. Wilson			
William J. Phillip			
Margaret Mooney			
Ed. Mooney			
Andrea P. Homan Bennett James			
JOHN YARBROUGH			
Robert R. Roggan			
JAMES HARRICK			
Lee Bryarly			
Alfred Vick			
Theresa Maloney			
Josephine Haller			
Johnny Roger Gri Hain			
W. P. BRUSH			
Kedy Brackbill			
E. K. + Frankie Knepton			

Name

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Gayle Whiteley
Irmie + Conrad Leissler
~~Yvette Lee~~
Harry Sutton
Mary Eileen VanSant
Mary Lou + Darrell Jones
Mildred Lee
David + Jeanice VABROGH
Julie Corriveau
Brian Corriveau
Greta Parson #1715
Zeph Parson #1715

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Donald L. Hays			
Geal P. Hays			
Richard Guerrero			
Enile Braswell			
Don Trimmer			
Rodger Chris Williams			
David F. Hays			
TOM KAGSDILL			
Jon Tate			
Terry Hays			
Elam Spann			
Martin Hays			
Bill KASHOUTY			
Ed Binkbick			
Mike McCheney			
Billie M. ASSEY			
James Regan			
James L. Hays			
Bin Hays			

NAME	Address	Phone	Email	affiliation
L. Dale Beggs				

Larry Brannon

Sue McCullers

John McCullers

Greg Mitchell

Carroll R. Anderson

Rosemary T. Conway

Michael R. Conway

JW & Mary Ellen Voe Saut

Bryan & Lynelle Brown

Bill Story

Peggy Mallory



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First United Methodist Church Lindale
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Do you wish
to comment?

Name

Entity / Address

Phone

Yes

No

Willard & Billie Newton
Walter & Carolyn Knox
Janice Adams
Ford Hawkins
Sandra Hawkins
Betty Greenman
Robert Dixon
Jane Ford
Fred Ford
H. Buggs
Ann Hooker
Laurie Tyler
Don & Mary Ann Sawyer
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Edward Beggs

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First United Methodist Church Lindale
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Wiley Freeman				
My Gordon				
Janice Bruner				
James D. Bruner				
Mrs Ray Praxton				
PATRICK THOMAS				
Peter Phillips				
Bobbie Phillips				
Bill & Carolyn Chiswick				
Pat Adkner				
Norman Gray				
Lena Stupling				
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andrea Nulton				

Name	Address	Phone	Email	Affiliation
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Mr & Mrs Jeff Frankburger				

Daisy Johnson 15
 Annie & Shelia Adkins
 De Swendsen

Amy Bateman
 Linda Staples
 Rita Anderson 126

Ike & Jeannie Tomlinson
 Larry Thompson



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Do you wish
to comment?

Yes No

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Entity / Address

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 Marita Baker
 Samuel Harper
 Bonnie Neel
 Bob & Nell
 Wrenia Adkins Bradford
 Cyril & Barbara Fray
 Linda & Ralph Miles
 Edy & Ruthie Woodsby
 op Brewster
 Ed & Suzanne Green
 Lynn Sandy Ralph
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Deborah Prather



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Charles W. Anderson				
Lee Campbell				
Atty TARKER				
WWE Johnston				
Henry Wallace				
John Oliver				
Dean Lane				
Bill Gensert				
Betty Hickley				
Harley Dickey				
Wiley Tennille				
Ann & Briggs				
Ellie Ross				
Chris Shipman				

Chris & Barbara Young
 John & Lynne Tweedell
 Susie Davis
 Don & Wanda Hatcher
 Randy Harmon
 SD & ALLEG G PARISH
 Gloria & Gary Jackson
 Linda Westerfeld
 Charles Westerfeld
 Glenn MALLORY



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Do you wish
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 Judy L. Lunn
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Charles Pratt

Al DeLoach

Jim E. Smith

John E. Lince

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Laurence & Nadine Bradley

Becky Warburton

Barbara Hoston

Shirley Zorn

Janet Riley

Mark & Marion Tamm

Robert Allen

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Name	Address	Phone # / email (optional)	Affiliation (Property Owner, Elected Official, TxDOT, etc)
De Moore			
Lewis Warren			
Amy STOTTS			
David Smith			
CHRISTINE CROSBY			
Mark Neuschater			
CHRIS HOCATE			
Burgess Syne			
DAVID NUFFER			
Emily CROM			
PETE MARTINEZ			
DACE SPITE			
Mike Battles			
Dale Broth			
Kip Mouser			
Randy Redmond			
Jay Tullos			
JACKIE THOMPSON			
Walt Lehmann			
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Travis Seago				
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Ernest Gladys Williams				
Robert Slack				
Theodore Morris				
Leah Metz				
Charles R. Metz				
W. A. Penn				
Nannie R. Voyles				
Garvin R. Voyles				
edia Walton				
Rances Six				
Linda Howell				



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Shel Lee Bryan

Jeff Brown

Jim Wenzel

Ellye McHamp

Venton Reeves

Charlotte Faxon

F. K. Kingston

Seal Davis

Bill Hudgens

Ja. H. Hudgens

Ernie Atkins Jr.

Lee Phillips

Mr. & Mrs. Hill

Sam Wughton



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Name	Entity / Address	Phone	Yes	No
Douglas R. Crawford				
Connie + Dennis Kisk				
Chuck Calvert				
David Henry				
W & Gloria Middlebrook				
Howard + Jeanne Tegg				
Thomas M. Hickey				
Bill Smith				
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Joseph Mca				
Scholar Massey				
JAMES NIEGEMEYER				
Roy Fleming				
Ann Oughton				



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BOB AHOOD

KT MADDEN

Wally J. James Jones

Wally & Kenneth Warren

ARLENE SIZEN

Don Lundquist

J. L. Glick

Anty Wylie

J. P. ALDO ALEXANDER

Walter Gabriel

on Baker

Wally & Cheryl Ethridge

JOHN & MISTY HOLEY



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Bob Jones

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B. Ohlhausen			
Carolyn Darden			
Larry Darden			
Meaghan McGeig			
Michael McGeig			
Rita Newman			
Barbara Fulmer			
Dr. William Holmes			
W. M. Bradley			
W/M Harry Branham			
Lona & Bryan Allen			
Lice Ann Brown			
Buddy Kintell			
John M Kirtow			
W/M Shelby Johnson			
Harrold Hulchins			
Jean Rains			
Ayl Rains			
Julie Taylor			

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Bill Carson			
Estelene VanMatre			
Russ VanMatre			
Wendell Spalding			
Ferry Ruilee			
Rod Gray			
Shaila Gray			
Jean Rhoads			
Terri Sellers			
erry + Kim Sallee			
Danny Ryger			
Emory J. Crane			
Gergonne Foster			
HAL GRENZEBACH			
Kathy Hengst			
Dennis Schae			
JOEY TAYLOR			
Cliff Waller			

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Justin Level			
Viggo M. Knudsen			
Bob Winberly			
Rev. Earl Duggins			
Norman & Kathy Rice			
Doug Arnold			
Lue McGrorey			
Tom Tyles			
J. L. Simpson			
Barbara Couch			
BENNY JOE Couch			
Jervatt Mador			
WC Simpson			
JIM TURVAN			
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Quincy Betty			
Art Thomas			
Ken Slawson			
Mark Slawson			
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JOHN F. BLOUNT			
Don & Sharon Soergel			
Lisa Duncan			
Jonnie Williams			
Tom & Barbara Scamice			
John Miller			
Shadett Gilbert			
Roward M. Miller			
Kathrynne Greene			
John Holland			
Colleen Langford			
Scotty B. Briggs			
Peter Rangelina			
Edward Holmes			
Craig Wood			
Isaac Rogers			
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James & Dorothy Rowan			
Oliver S. Lennett III			
Charlotte Lennett			

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Jesse S. McKay			
Rose Burns			
Margaret Robinson			
Shirley Blount			
Jim Hayes			
Terri Clay			
Phil Mayer			
Lamar & Sue Smith			
Jean Cox			
Ms. Lee Carr			
Quintella Cunniff			
Emmett Rohlfaille			
Nancy Rohlfaille			
Dot Barker			
Nancy Smith			
Beth Redfern			
Janita Clark			
Carl Shipman			
Stephen Davis			
Oliver Turner			

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Kelly Bell			14111 E. 11th St
Kerry L. Stanley			
Jean Kohl			
Ed Creamer			
Jinda & Terry Fleck			
Elena Mayer			
Jeff & Deborah Nail			
Alvin & Kyeell			
Janice Soper			
Donna			
Ed Hallen			
Dorcas Kechlic			
Wanda Barber			
Jennine Erickson			
Margaret Johnson			
Correne Beasley			
Don & Susan Weber			
Kathleen Davis			
Patsy & Jerry Hemming			
Mary K. Stanton			

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John Master			
Gene Montgomery			
Charles Montgomery			
Charles R. Rice			
Cynthia A. Avery			
Diane + John Polley			
James E. Etheridge			
BOBBY STONE			
MIRIAM WIMBERLY			
Melinda Grant			
Peggy Kingston			
Elree SmithART			
Peggy Thurman			
Louise Lyles			
Martha Trimmer			
Walter Loyd			
Don Furnis			
Don E. Bynum			
BLUE Bynum			
DAVID TRAFF			

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Name	Address	Phone # / email (optional)	Affiliation (Property Owner, Elected Official, TxDOT, etc)
NORMAN KOHL			
GEORGE FLECK			
NEVA ALLEN			
LONA ALLEN			
BECKY DEMPSEY			
GARY W. MCDANIEL			
HAROLD S WOODRING			
DAVID C. GREEN			
W R VONDERBECK			
DE LORE VONDERBECK			
FLORANCE EVANS			
LYNNETTE EVANS			
GARY GLASTAR			
DAN MASTERS			
ERRY & BARBARA WINGE			
LOUIS PALMER			
LOAN BARTLEY			
JOYCE PERRY			
MORRIS SHELTON			
WILLARD B. REEDER			

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Name	Address	Phone # / email (optional)	Affiliation (Property Owner, Elected Official, TxDOT, etc)
Linda Wilson			
ARRY PIPPIN			
Fred & Georgene Bilbo			
Lamy Anna & Jenny Moore			
Virginia Harrison			
BETTY J. Strehorn			
FRANKS MC GRIF-			
George B. Cawart			
BO Smith			
Rickey Utters			
Charles Green			
B.K. Beuten			
Dorothy Mejia			
Ingrid Miller			
Doris Venturita			
Jerry Lockhart			
Linda Lockhart			
Kathleen L. McCormack			
Tim Manion			
Gerald Vaughn			

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Name	Address	Phone # / email (optional)	Affiliation (Property Owner, Elected Official, TxDOT, etc)
Joe DILLARD			
Betty Dillards			
Brenda Tylor			
SHERMAN RANOS			
Jim Ransom			
Pelen Conley			
ROBERT Conley			
Greg Evans			
MATHEW FRENCH			
Charlie Davis			
Carolyn Todd			
Sylvia + Charles Galland			
Keith Newell			
Shelly & Jody Shaw			
Jesse C. + Louise Wood			
Jeff, Lynn Ann			
Charles L. Pratt			
Patricia Stribley			
Keith Stribley			
Mike Giles			

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**F-3 Notices of Intent (NOI) to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement -- Texas
Register (August 11, 2006) and Federal Register (August 18, 2006)**

REQUIREMENTS: The University is looking for someone to assess the current condition of our held in trust artifacts, to make changes to the facility as required to meet state standards, to negotiate letters of understanding between all stakeholders (The Caddo Nation, The Texas Historical Commission, the State Archeological Society, etc.), and to prepare a plan of action for future compliance activities.

DEADLINES: Proposals and/or resumes must be received in the office of Dr. Jerry Williams, Stephen F. Austin State University, P. O. Box 13047, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962 by 5:00pm, August 15, 2006, in order to be considered.

TRD-200603947

R. Yvette Clark

General Counsel

Stephen F. Austin State University

Filed: July 25, 2006

Texas A&M University, Board of Regents

Consultant Contract Award

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 2254, Subchapter B, Texas Government Code, The Texas A&M University System furnishes this notice of consultant contract award. A notice for request for proposals was filed in the March 17, 2006 issue of the *Texas Register* (31 TexReg 2331).

The consultant will provide evaluation services of the maintenance and custodial operations of the University Apartments (including the Community Center and Maintenance Building) located on the main campus of Texas A&M.

The consultant contract was awarded to Facility Engineering Associates, P.C., 11001 Lee Highway, Suite D, Fairfax, VA 22030-5018. Total value of the contract is \$55,700.00. Beginning and ending dates of the contract are June 28, 2006 through September 2006.

The consultant shall submit a preliminary written report to the Agreement Administrator on or about August 19, 2006. After making any requested modifications the consultant will submit copies of final report.

Consultant shall also present findings and recommendations in a formal on-campus presentation to University Administration. On site presentation to be coordinated with Residence Life. Possible date of first week in September.

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Vickie Burt Spillers

Executive Secretary to the Board

Texas A&M University, Board of Regents

Filed: August 2, 2006

Request for Proposal (RFP 06-0025)

Texas A&M University is accepting proposals and intends to enter into an Agreement with a Consultant to conduct an independent review of employee relations and quality of work life issues in the Physical Plant Department at the College Station campus. The project deliverables shall include a detailed assessment report with specific recommendations. The report will identify strengths and opportunities for improvement, making specific suggestions for the implementation of best practices to enhance the quality of work life in the Department. Recognizing that job satisfaction has a direct link to job performance, recommendations focused on improving quality of life in the workplace will

also put a high priority on ways to increase productivity in the workplace.

Information may be obtained by contacting:

Jeff Zimmermann, A.P.P.

Senior Buyer

Department of Strategic Sourcing and Purchasing Services

Texas A&M University

P.O. Box 30013

College Station, Texas 77842-3011; or

e-mail at j-zimmermann@tamu.edu

Selection criteria will include methodology, competence, experience, knowledge, references, qualifications, and reasonableness of price. Proposals must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. central time on August 31, 2006.

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Vickie Burt Spillers

Executive Secretary to the Board

Texas A&M University, Board of Regents

Filed: August 2, 2006

Texas Department of Transportation

Notice of Intent

Pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §2.43(c)(8), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Smith County, Texas.

TxDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will prepare an EIS for a proposal to construct a proposed Lindale Reliever Route (LRR) in Smith County, Texas. The proposed improvement would involve construction of a new location roadway from the planned Loop 49 West/IH 20 interchange to connect with the existing US 69 north of the City of Lindale, a roadway distance of approximately 5-6 miles.

The need for the proposed improvements is based on safety, mobility, connectivity, and capacity issues. US 69 is designated as a Texas Trunk System roadway, and the reliever route would serve as an extension of Loop 49 between the IH 20/Loop 49 West interchange and US 69. The purpose of the proposed improvements is to address these needs and to serve the traveling public. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; and (2) constructing a proposed US 69 Lindale Reliever Route/Loop 49 North facility built to current highway standards. The proposed facility will be evaluated as a toll road project. A Feasibility Study prepared in 2001 evaluated four corridor alternatives along new location right-of-way and a No-Build alternative, resulting in the identification of a recommended study corridor. Subsequent public involvement opportunities have identified an additional study corridor. A reasonable number of alignment alternatives have been identified and evaluated. Evaluation of these alternatives, as well as the No-Build Alternative, will be documented in the EIS, based on input from federal, state, and local agencies, as well as private organizations and concerned citizens.

The EIS will evaluate potential impacts from construction and operation of the proposed roadway including, but not limited to the following: impacts to residences and businesses, including potential relocations; transportation impacts (construction detours, construction traffic,

and mobility improvement); air and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the roadway; social and economic impacts; impacts to cultural resources; water quality impacts from construction and roadway runoff; indirect and cumulative impacts; impacts related to tolling; and impacts to waters of the U.S. including wetlands from right-of-way encroachment.

A letter that describes the proposed action and a request for comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in the proposal. TxDOT completed a Feasibility Study for the project in May 2001. In conjunction with the Feasibility Study, TxDOT developed a steering committee, provided project information at two public meetings, and met with interested stakeholders. It is anticipated that an agency scoping meeting will be held by TxDOT in September 2006 to coordinate and solicit agency representatives' input on project plans including the purpose, need, and range of alternatives, introduce project team members, obtain comments pertaining to the scope of the EIS, identify important issues, set goals, develop project schedule, and respond to questions. A continuing public involvement program will include a project mailing list, project newsletters, a public scoping meeting (public notice will be given of the time and place), and numerous informal meetings with interested citizens and stakeholders. In addition, a public hearing will be held after the publication of the Draft EIS. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties.

Agency Contact: Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to Ms. Dianna Noble, P.E., Director, Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483, (512) 416-3001.

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Bob Jackson

Interim General Counsel

Texas Department of Transportation

Filed: August 1, 2006

Request for Proposal - Outside Counsel

The Texas Department of Transportation (the "department") requests proposals from law firms interested in representing the department in environmental law matters. This request for proposals (RFP) is issued for the purpose of identifying qualified law firms able to provide legal representation required by the department and the Texas Transportation Commission (the "commission") on legal matters related to compliance with environmental laws, regulations, and rules, both state and federal, affecting the department, and as more fully set out as follows. Selection of outside counsel will be made by the department's General Counsel. The Office of the Attorney General must approve the General Counsel's selection before the selected outside counsel may be employed.

Description: The department is a state agency that has the primary responsibility in Texas of constructing, operating, and maintaining a state transportation system. In connection with that responsibility, the department must deal with various environmental matters. These matters include, but are not limited to: obtaining appropriate permits; answering queries and complaints from state and federal regulatory authorities; complying with environmental laws, rules, and regulations, both

state and federal, on an ongoing basis; appearing before administrative and judicial tribunals, both state and federal, to answer charges of a civil and criminal nature, both state and federal; and generally complying with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the responsibilities discharged by a state department of transportation. The department intends to engage outside counsel to represent the department in these matters. In particular, the department intends to rely on outside counsel to represent the department in criminal cases related to these matters. Accordingly, the department invites responses to this RFP from firms that are qualified to perform these legal services. Firms must have considerable prior experience with, as well as extensive knowledge of, these subjects. The firm should be experienced in the matter of criminal defense work involving alleged violations of both state and federal environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

Responses: Responses to the RFP may be submitted by an individual law firm, attorney, or joint venture between two or more law firms and/or attorneys. Responses to the RFP should include at least the following information: (1) a description of the firm's qualifications for performing legal work in the matters described previously, the names, experience, education, and expertise of the attorneys who will be assigned to work on such matters, the availability of the lead attorney and other firm personnel who will be assigned to work on these matters, and appropriate information regarding efforts made by the firm to encourage and develop the participation of minorities and women in the provision of these legal services; (2) information relative to the capabilities, location(s), and resources of the firm's offices which might serve the department's requirements, including a summary of physical resources that would be assigned to the department, and an organizational chart indicating the relevant areas of responsibility of each attorney assigned to work on these matters; (3) the submission of fee information (either in the form of hourly rates for each attorney and paralegal who will be assigned to perform services in relation to these matters, comprehensive flat fees, or other fee arrangements directly related to the achievement of specific goals and cost controls) and billable expenses; (4) an abstract of the firm's cost control procedures and how it charges for its services; (5) a comprehensive description of the procedures used by the firm to supervise the provision of legal services in a timely and cost effective manner; (6) disclosures of conflicts of interest (identifying each and every matter in which the firm has, within the past calendar year, represented any entity or individual with an interest adverse to the Texas Department of Transportation, or to the state of Texas or any of its boards, agencies, commissions, universities, or elected or appointed officials); and (7) confirmation of willingness to comply with the rules, policies, directives, and guidelines of the department, the commission, and the Attorney General of the state of Texas.

Note: The department is particularly concerned with issues of any conflict of interest. Respondents are admonished to make all practicable efforts to fully investigate, disclose, and address such conflicts.

Format and Person to Contact: Two copies of the proposal are requested. The proposal should be typed, preferably double spaced, on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper with all pages sequentially numbered, and either stapled or bound together. It should be sent by mail or delivered in person, marked "Response to Request for Proposal" and addressed to General Counsel, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483. For questions, telephone the Office of General Counsel at (512) 463-8630.

Deadline for Submission of Response: All proposals must be received by the Texas Department of Transportation at the previously stated address no later than 5:00 p.m., on September 11, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Smith County, TX

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed U.S. Highway (U.S.) 69/Loop 49 North Lindale Reliever Route (LRR) project in Smith County, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald E. Davis, District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration--Texas Division, 300 E. 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone: 512-536-5960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposal to construct a Lindale Reliever Route in Smith County, Texas. The proposed improvement would involve construction of a new location roadway

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from the planned Loop 49 West/IH 20 interchange to connect with the existing U.S. 69 north of the City of Lindale, a roadway distance of approximately 5-6 miles.

The proposed Lindale Reliever Route would serve as a connector between Loop 49 and U.S. 69 and address safety, mobility, connectivity and capacity needs.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action (the no-build alternative), (2) constructing a proposed Lindale Reliever Route facility built to current highway standards, and (3) improvements to existing highways. The proposed facility will be evaluated as a toll road project. A Feasibility Study prepared in 2001 evaluated four corridor alternatives along new location right-of-way and a No-Build alternative, resulting in the identification of a recommended study corridor. Subsequent public involvement opportunities have identified additional study corridors. Evaluation of a reasonable number of alignment alternatives will be documented in the EIS, as well as the no-build and existing highway improvement alternatives, based on input from federal, state, and local agencies, as well as private organizations and concerned citizens.

The EIS will evaluate potential impacts from construction and operation of the proposed roadway including, but not limited to, the following: Impacts to residences and businesses, including potential relocations and displacements; transportation impacts (construction detours, construction traffic, and mobility improvement); air and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the roadway; social and economic impacts; impacts to cultural resources; water

quality impacts from construction and roadway runoff; impacts related to tolling; and impacts to waters of the U.S. including wetlands from right-of-way encroachment.

Correspondence describing the proposed project and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in the proposal. TxDOT completed a Feasibility Study for the project in May 2001. In conjunction with the Feasibility Study, TxDOT developed a steering committee, provided project information at two public meetings, and met with interested stakeholders. An agency scoping meeting is anticipated to be held by TxDOT in September 2006 to coordinate and solicit agency representatives' input on project plans including the purpose and need and the range of alternatives, introduce project team members, obtain comments pertaining to the scope of the EIS, identify important issues, set goals, develop project schedule, and respond to questions. A continuing public involvement program will include a project mailing list, project newsletters, a public scoping meeting (public notice will be given of the time and place), and numerous informal meetings with interested citizens and stakeholders. In addition, a public hearing will be held after the publication of the Draft EIS. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12373 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Donald E. Davis,
District Engineer.
[FR Doc. 06-7012 Filed 8-17-06; 8:45 am]

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F-4 Scoping Meeting Documentation September 26, 2006 (Draft Need and Purpose and Draft Coordination Plan presented)

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



NEWS

Tyler District

CONTACT: Mike Battles, P.E.

TELEPHONE: 903-510- 9241

Date: September 25, 2006

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct an Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Public Meeting on September 25, 2006 to discuss possible routes for the US 69 Lindale Reliever Route. The meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lindale Intermediate School Auditorium at 411 Eagle Spirit Drive. This public meeting will be held in an open-house format followed by a formal presentation.

The US 69 Reliever Route will ultimately relieve traffic through the City of Lindale. TxDOT will display a proposal for developing this corridor as a toll facility with a connection to the proposed Loop 49 at IH – 20. Attendees will be encouraged to actively participate in the development of the project purpose and need and the development of the ranges of the alternatives. Public input is encouraged.

US 69 Lindale Reliever Route/Loop 49 North-- Need and Purpose (Draft)

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) proposes to construct the US 69 Lindale Reliever Route/Loop 49 North roadway facility in Smith County, Texas. The proposed improvement would involve construction of a US 69/Loop 49 roadway on new location with limits from the planned Loop 49 West/IH 20 interchange to a point along the existing US 69 approximately ___ miles north of the City of Lindale. The proposed project would be approximately 5 to 6 miles in length, depending on the alternative selected. This project would primarily serve as a connector/continuation between Loop 49 and US 69 and will be evaluated as a toll road candidate project.

A Feasibility Study prepared in 2001 evaluated four corridor alternatives along new

location right-of-way and a No-Build alternative, resulting in the identification of a recommended study corridor. Subsequent public involvement opportunities have identified additional study corridors. Evaluation of these corridor alternatives, as well as a reasonable number of alignment alternatives within the study corridors, will be documented in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed improvements would be designed to provide a safe and efficient transportation corridor. The TxDOT has identified the following underlying needs that the project would address: safety, mobility, connectivity and capacity.

Safety

- A considerable amount of growth and retail development has occurred in the area surrounding Tyler. Residential, industrial and commercial growth has occurred in and around the City of Lindale. This trend is expected to continue. Accompanying the economic benefits of growth is an increase in traffic volumes that is impacting the existing US 69 system, with particularly heavy congestion in downtown Lindale. Completion of the Loop 49 West facility without a US 69 Reliever Route being in place would force Loop 49 West traffic traveling through on US 69 to utilize the current roadway through Lindale, exacerbating the traffic and decreasing roadway safety on the existing facility.

Based on projected traffic volumes provided by TxDOT, with the reliever route constructed, the 2027 volume would be 28,400 vehicles per day (vpd) on the existing US 69 north of IH 20. This volume is comparable to the 2007 projected volume of 29,000 vpd (without the proposed reliever route constructed). Without the reliever route in place, the projected volume on US 69 north of IH 20 is projected to be 35,000 vpd (from Feasibility Study for Lindale Reliever Route in Smith County; TxDOT, 2001).

Mobility

- Another factor in determining the need and location of the Lindale reliever route is TxDOT's plan for Loop 49 around the City of Tyler. The southern and western sections of the loop (Loop 49 West) around Tyler has received a designation for a toll road and the proposed Lindale Reliever Route facility would be an extension of Loop 49 continuing north and tying into existing US 69 north of Lindale, providing an important link in regional transportation mobility.

System Linkage

- Loop 49 provides a critical link in the integrated regional transportation network, ultimately providing a circumferential loop around the City of Tyler (when combined with IH 20) while allowing through-traffic to bypass the existing and increasingly congested roadway network within the city, particularly US 69 (which transits highly populated residential areas through Tyler). US 69 is a component of the Texas Trunk System and provides for the safe, effective, and efficient movement of people and freight goods in east and northeast Texas.

Capacity

- The proposed facility would be designed to provide adequate capacity to meet future traffic demands and volumes. The upgrade of US 69 from Lindale to Mineola to a four-lane divided facility is under construction and Loop 49 West is approved and moving forward. The Lindale section would create a bottleneck between these two upgraded roadway sections if a reliever route/connector is not constructed. US 69 north of Lindale, IH 20 and Loop 49 West will be divided freeway facilities without stop lights/signs, unlike the section of US 69 through downtown Lindale, which includes an urban, undivided section with multiple stops.

Purpose of the Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed project will serve the stated needs by:

- Improving safety, thereby reducing accident rates.
- Providing a highway which would facilitate the movement of people and goods throughout the region. The proposed facility would complement the regional US 69 and Loop 49 concepts.
- Providing adequate capacity to meet future traffic demands and volumes.
- Improving capacity is consistent with the policies and goals adopted within the Tyler District's long range plans and the Tyler Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) plan.

Questions and comments from the public regarding the social, environmental, and economic aspects of improvements will be considered in the environmental impact statement. Information about the proposed project is available for review at the office of Mike Battles, P.E., District Design Engineer, 2709 W. Front Street in Tyler, Texas. Mr. Battles may be reached at (903) 510-9241. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

Persons who have special communication or accommodation needs and plan to attend this meeting are encouraged to contact Larry Krantz at (903) 510-9267 at least two work days prior to the meeting. Since this meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters should also be made at least two days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.



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September 25, 2006

Welcome,

On behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), I want to thank you for attending this US 69 Lindale Reliever Route (Loop 49) Scoping Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to gain public comments on the purpose and need for this new highway.

As you enter the Public Meeting, you will notice displays that include the proposed corridor locations, as well as, a multimedia/public outreach video. TxDOT staff are available to discuss the displays and to answer your questions.

This Public Meeting is being held as an open house style/formal presentation meeting from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A brief presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. For your convenience, a comment sheet is included in this packet which can be used for written comments. You may leave these comments in the marked boxes on the registration table or you can mail them to the address indicated on the sheet. Please return them by 5:00 p.m. October 9, 2006. Your input is always welcome at TxDOT.

Thank you for attending this Scoping Meeting. Public involvement is a vital part of the TxDOT project development process and we sincerely appreciate your participation.

Sincerely,

Randall C. Redmond, P.E.
Director of Transportation,
Planning and Development

US 69 Lindale Reliever Route/Loop 49 North— Need and Purpose (Draft)

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) proposes to construct the US 69 Lindale Reliever Route/Loop 49 North roadway facility in Smith County, Texas. The proposed improvement would involve construction of a US 69/Loop 49 roadway on new location with limits from the planned Loop 49 West/IH 20 interchange to a point along the existing US 69 approximately 2 miles north of the City of Lindale. The proposed project would be approximately 5 to 6 miles in length, depending on the alternative selected. This project would primarily serve as a connector/continuation between Loop 49 and US 69 and will be evaluated as a toll road candidate project.

A Feasibility Study prepared in 2001 evaluated four corridor alternatives along new location right-of-way and a No-Build alternative, resulting in the identification of a recommended study corridor. Subsequent public involvement opportunities have identified additional study corridors. Evaluation of these corridor alternatives, as well as a reasonable number of alignment alternatives within the study corridors, will be documented in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed improvements would be designed to provide a safe and efficient transportation corridor. The TxDOT has identified the following underlying needs that the project would address: safety, mobility, connectivity and capacity.

Safety

- A considerable amount of growth and retail development has occurred in the area surrounding Tyler. Residential, industrial and commercial growth has occurred in and around the City of Lindale. This trend is expected to continue. Accompanying the economic benefits of growth is an increase in traffic volumes that is impacting the existing US 69 system, with particularly heavy congestion in downtown Lindale. Completion of the Loop 49 West facility without a US 69 Reliever Route being in place would force Loop 49 West traffic traveling through on US 69 to utilize the current roadway through Lindale, exacerbating the traffic and decreasing roadway safety on the existing facility.

Based on projected traffic volumes provided by TxDOT, with the reliever route constructed, the 2027 volume would be 28,400 vehicles per day (vpd) on the existing US 69 north of IH 20. This volume is comparable to the 2007 projected volume of 29,000 vpd (without the proposed reliever route constructed). Without the reliever route in place, the projected volume on US 69 north of IH 20 is projected to be 35,000 vpd (from *Feasibility Study for Lindale Reliever Route in Smith County*; TxDOT, 2001).

Mobility

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US 69 Reliever Route at Lindale Intermediate School

Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Meeting COMMENT SHEET

Lindale Intermediate School
Lindale, Texas
September 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for attending this scoping meeting. Public information is a vital part of the project process and your participation is greatly appreciated. We need your comments on the purpose and need for this new highway.

Comments on the proposed project are requested. You may:

1. Turn in written comments at this meeting using this form.
2. Provide verbal comments to the court reporter.
3. Mail in your written comments to the address on the bottom of this form.

Comments:

Please use additional pages if necessary.

Please include your name and mailing address.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

If you choose to mail your comments, they must be received prior to 5:00 p.m.,
October 9, 2006.

Return to: TxDOT, Attention: Randy Redmond
2709 W. Front Street, Tyler,
Texas 75702

(Draft)
US 69/Loop 49 North
Lindale Reliever Route
Environmental Impact Statement
Coordination Plan

Prepared by:

Texas Department of Transportation
Tyler District Office
Tyler, Texas

September 25, 2006

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I. INTRODUCTION

This draft Coordination Plan for the US 69/Loop 49 North Lindale Reliever Route project describes the interaction between TxDOT transportation planners, resource agencies, and the public. It is preliminary, and is subject to change based on the input of participating/cooperating entities, issues encountered, and TxDOT priorities. The required components of a Coordination Plan are outlined below, with a general discussion of the proposed approach included where appropriate. The tentative schedule for completion of the environmental review process is attached as Exhibit 1.

II. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT AND SCOPING ACTIVITIES

Publication of the NOI occurred in the Texas Register on August 11, 2006, and will occur in the Federal Register on August 18, 2006. An agency/public scoping meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2006, at the Lindale Intermediate School auditorium.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF PURPOSE AND NEED

III.A Invitation to Agencies

TxDOT will mail letters of invitation to the initial scoping meeting to potential participating and coordinating agencies, soliciting comments on the Draft Purpose and Need and providing them with the draft coordination plan and project schedule for their comment. If the project schedule is later modified, the modified schedule will be distributed to agencies/entities identified as participating/coordinating agencies. The initial invitation letter is attached to this plan. The agency comment period will be 30 days.

III.A.1 Participating/Coordinating Agencies

The following list identifies potential participating and coordinating agencies that will be contacted:

Smith County
Tyler MPO
City of Lindale
City of Hide-a-Way
Smith County Historical Commission Chair
Texas General Land Office (GLO)
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Texas Railroad Commission
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Tribal Coordination
State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)
Texas Historical Commission (THC)
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department (USFWS)
Sabine River Authority,
East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG)

Northeast Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NETRMA)

III.B Public Involvement

TxDOT will hold a Public Involvement Opportunity to solicit comments on the scope of the EIS, as well as the Draft Purpose and Need, and will provide the preliminary project schedule included with the coordination plan.

The Public Involvement Opportunity must be publicized and can take the form of meetings/workshops, solicitations of verbal or written input, conference calls, website postings, distribution of printed materials, or other means as appropriate. TxDOT will advertise the public involvement opportunity according to established TxDOT/FHWA protocol.

The project schedule may be made available by posting on a project website, distributed to the people on a well-advertised mailing list, or handed out at the public meetings. If the schedule is later modified, the modified schedule must be shared with the public in the same way as the previous schedule.

The public comment period will not exceed 30 days.

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES

TxDOT will determine the appropriate methodologies and level of detail required in the analysis of each alternative, in consultation with FHWA and the public.

IV.A Agency Comment

TxDOT will solicit comments on the analysis of project alternatives from all participating agencies. The agency comment period will not exceed 30 days.

If comments regarding methodologies and level of detail to be used in the analysis of project alternatives are provided, the commenting agency should describe the alternate methodology that it prefers and state why. After the participating agencies have had the opportunity to comment, TxDOT will make the final decision on the methodology and level of detail to be used, and relay that decision to participating agencies.

IV.B Public Involvement

TxDOT will hold a Public Involvement Opportunity to solicit comments on the project alternatives.

The Public Involvement Opportunity will be publicized and can take the form of meetings/workshops, solicitations of verbal or written input, conference calls, website postings, distribution of printed materials, or other means as appropriate. TxDOT will advertise the public involvement opportunity according to established TxDOT/FHWA protocol.

The public comment period will not exceed 30 days.

V. COLLABORATION ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGIES

TxDOT will collaborate with the FHWA, cooperating and participating agencies regarding the methodologies to be utilized in the impact assessment process.

The method of collaboration will be primarily informal communications. Products of this process, such as comparison matrices or impact summaries, will be circulated to those entities requesting a participating role in the project, for their review and comment.

VI. COMPLETION OF DEIS

Notice of publication of the DEIS will be published in the Federal Register. The comment period for agencies and the public is not to exceed 60 days after publication.

VII. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AND THE LEVEL OF DESIGN DETAIL

After the completion of the scoping process, TxDOT will develop a reasonable number of reasonable alignment alternatives (at least two), which will be carried forward (along with the No Build Alternative) for detailed evaluation in the EIS document. All reasonable alternatives, as well as the No Build, will be evaluated to an equivalent level of detail in the DEIS document.

VIII. COMPLETION OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS)

If the Draft EIS identifies one of the build alternatives as the recommended preferred alternative, TxDOT will request from FHWA permission to develop for the Final EIS a higher level of design detail than for the other alternatives. This request may be included in a letter to the lead federal agency requesting acceptance of the identification of a preferred alternative.

IX. COMPLETION OF ROD

Following approval of the Final EIS (FEIS), the FHWA will prepare a Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed undertaking. This ROD will summarize the findings of the EIS process and compile a list of commitments included in the FEIS document.

X. COMPLETION OF PERMITS, LICENSES, OR APPROVALS AFTER THE ROD

All required permits, licenses or approvals identified in the Final EIS will be obtained prior to the initiation of construction, in a manner consistent with all local, state and federal laws. Environmental commitments from the FEIS will be summarized in the Record of Decision.

**Exhibit 1. Preliminary Schedule for Completion of Environmental Review Process for
Proposed US 69/Loop 49 Lindale Reliever Route**

Activity	Expected Occurrence
Notice of Intent Publication and Scoping Activities	Summer 2006
Development of Purpose and Need	Summer/Fall 2006
Identification of Range of Alternatives	Fall 2006
Collaboration on Impact Assessment Methodologies	Winter 2006/2007
Completion of the DEIS	Spring 2007
Identification of the Preferred Alternative and the Level of Design Detail	Winter/Spring 2007
Completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)	Fall 2007
Completion of ROD	Winter 2008
Completion of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals after the ROD	Prior to Construction (to be determined based on funding)

September 25, 2006 Public Scoping Meeting for US 69 Lindale Reliever Route EIS
Comments by Topic

Topic	Number of Persons
Wants Reliever Route far away from Hide-a-Way Lake	5
Project not needed	2
Does not want route E (noise, pollution)	5
Make decision soon	1
Use straight north route	1
No build or Option D, with maintained access to Staples property via CR 473	1
People directly within the study area should have more of a say than those in Hide-a-Way.	1
Hide-a-Way Lake residents signing petition expressing opposition to Option E	266
Total	282



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August 14, 2006

Mayor
City of Anywhere
101 Main St.
Anywhere, Texas 75701

Dear Mayor:

Re: Invitation to Become Participating Agency in the Environmental Review Process for the LP 49/US 69 Lindale Reliever.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for proposed LP 49/US 69 Lindale Reliever. The proposed project is to construct a new location LP 49/US 69 roadway with the limits from the planned LP 49 West/IH 20 interchange to a point along the existing US 69 north of the City of Lindale, Texas. The purpose of the project, as currently defined, is to provide a safe and efficient transportation corridor. The enclosed scoping information packet provides more details. A preliminary coordination plan and schedule are also enclosed.

Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users establishes an enhanced environmental review process for certain FHWA project, increasing the transparency of the process, as well as opportunities for participation. The requirements of section 6002 apply to the project that is the subject of this memorandum. As part of the environmental review process for this project, the lead agencies must identify, as early as practicable, any other Federal and non-Federal agencies that may have an interest in the project, and invite such agencies to become participating agencies in the environmental review process.¹ Your agency has been identified preliminarily as one that may have an interest in this project, because it may affect transportation planning in your city; accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to become actively involved as a participating agency in the environmental review process for the project.

As a participating agency, you will be afforded the opportunity, together with the public, to be involved in defining the purpose of and need for the project, as well as in determining the range of alternatives to be considered for the project. In addition, you will be asked to:

- Provide input on the impact assessment methodologies and level of detail in your agency's area of expertise;
- Participate in coordination meetings, conference calls, and joint field reviews, as appropriate; and
- Review and comment on sections of the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to communicate any concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, the alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

¹ Designation as a "participation agency" does not imply that the participating agency supports the proposed project or has any jurisdiction over, or special expertise concerning the proposed project or its potential impacts. A "participating agency" differs from a "cooperating agency," which is defined in regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act as "any Federal agency other than a lead agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposal (or a reasonable alternative) for legislation or other major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment." 40 C.F.R. § 1508.5.

Your agency does not have to accept this invitation. If, however, your agency is a Federal agency, and if you elect not to become a participating agency, you must decline this invitation in writing, indicating that your agency has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project, no expertise or information relevant to the project, and does not intend to submit comments on the project. The declination may be transmitted electronically to rredmond@dot.state.tx.us; please include the title of the official responding. Written responses from Federal agencies declining designation as participating agencies should be transmitted to this office not later than September 12, 2006.

Additional information will be forthcoming during the public scoping process, notification of which will be provided in the near future. If you have questions regarding this invitation, please contact Randy Redmond, P.E. at (903) 510-9296.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Owen, P.E.
District Engineer

Attachments: Scoping Information Packet
Draft Coordination Plan
Draft Schedule

cc: Federal Highway Administration



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Texas Department of Transportation

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August 25, 2006

Mr. Jim Cox
City of Lindale City Administrator
201 North Main St.
Lindale, TX 75771

Re: Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Meeting for US 69/LP 49 Lindale Reliever Route

Dear Mr. Cox,

Your agency is invited to the first Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Meeting for the US 69 Lindale Reliever Route on September 25, 2006 at the Lindale Intermediate School at 411 Eagle Spirit Drive, Lindale, TX 75771. The public meeting notice is attached.

Please reference our letter dated August 14, 2006, inviting your agency to either become a participating or coordinating agency.

Your agency does not have to accept this invitation. Whether or not, your agency elects to become a participating or coordinating agency, please send your agency's position via letter or electronically to dbooth@dot.state.tx.us; please include the title of the official responding. Written responses should be transmitted to this office not later than September 12, 2006.

If you have questions regarding this invitation, please contact Dale Booth, P.E. at (903) 510-9113.

Sincerely,

Dale Booth, P.E.
Advance Planning Engineer
TxDOT - Tyler District

attachments: Public Notice for EIS Scoping Meeting 1

CC: Federal Highway Administration

**US 69 Lindale Reliever Route
Participating and Coordinating Agencies**

Participating Agencies

City of Lindale (**Enclosed**)
City of Tyler Planning & Zoning
City of Tyler
ETCOG (East Texas Council of Governments)
GLO (General Land Office)
Smith County Judge, Becky Dempsey
Mayor Kashouty
Mayor McClenny
Mayor Seeber
NETRMA (North East Texas Regional Mobility Act)
RRC (Railroad Commission)
Sabine River Authority
Smith County Engineer
Smith County Historical Commission
Tyler Chamber of Commerce
Tyler City Manager
Tyler Economic Development
Tyler Metro Chamber of Commerce

Coordinating Agencies

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma (**Enclosed**)
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
Eastern Shawnee
EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)
Kickapoo of Kansas
Kiowa Indian Tribe
Mescalero Apache
Muscogee Nation
NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service)
Qupaw Tribe
SHPO (State Historic Preservation Officer)
TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality)
The Delaware Nation
Thlopthlocca Tribal Town
Tonkawa Tribe
TPWD Athens (Texas Parks and Wildlife Athens office)
TPWD (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)
Tyler NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service Tyler office)
United Keetoowah Band of Indians
US Fish & Wildlife
Wichita & Affiliated Tribes
USACE (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

**F-5 Invitation to Become a Participating Agency (sample letter & invitation list) –
November 8, 2006**

Mr. Dan Burke
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Policy and Regulations Division, MC 205
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Mr. Neil Lebsock
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Fort Worth District
819 Taylor Street
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Mr. Thomas J. Cloud, Field Supervisor
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711 Stadium Drive East, Suite 252
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3000 S.I.H. 35, Suite 100
Austin, TX 78704

Mr. Jeff Austin, III
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305 S. Broadway Avenue, Suite 100
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Ms. Karen Hardin
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P.O. Box 30
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President
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P.O. Box 825
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Sample of Agency Participation Letter

Sent to Preceding 18 Agencies



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November 8, 2006

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Re: US 69/LP 49 Lindale Reliever Route

Dear Mr. Burke:

Your agency is invited to participate in the US 69/LP 49 Environmental Impact Statement Study. The study will consist of identifying environmental constraints and issues to be included in an evaluation matrix and to develop the relative importance for each constraint and issue. This meeting will also include the discussion of various study corridors. The meeting will be held on November 16, 2006 at the Kinsey Community Center at 912 South Mt. Sylvan Street (FM 849). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Goodwin, P.E. with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff (BWR) at (903) 581-7844, e-mail jgoodwin@bwrcorp.com or Ladd Thompson, P.E. TxDOT Project Manager at (903) 569-2349.

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Director of Transportation
Planning and Development

F-6 Participating Agency/Affected Meeting Documentation – November 16, 2006

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Sample of Participating Agency Meeting Letter

November 16, 2006

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Sincerely,

Randall C. Redmond, P.E.
Director of Transportation
Planning and Development



***Texas Department of Transportation
Tyler District***

**Participating Agency Meeting and Workshop
US 69 - Lindale Reliever Route
November 16, 2006 - 6:30 pm**

Kinsey Community Center
912 South Mt. Sylvan Street
Lindale, Texas

AGENDA

- I. Introductions**
- II. Presentation**
 - A. EIS Coordination Plan**
 - B. Need & Purpose**
 - C. September 25, 2006 Public Meeting**
 - D. Study Area**
 - E. Study Corridors**
 - F. Corridor Evaluation Criteria**
 - G. Relative Importance Factor Survey**
 - H. Schedule**
- III. Break**
- IV. Q&A**
 - A. EIS Coordination Plan**
 - B. Need & Purpose**
 - C. Study Area**
- V. Participating Agency Workshop**
 - A. Study Corridors**
 - B. Corridor Criteria**
 - C. Relative Importance Factor Survey**
- VI. Next Meeting**

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Meeting Exhibit Conversations

BWR Project: 2006-0331.01

September 25, 2006

6:00 to 7:00 pm

Lindale Intermediate School Auditorium

SAFETEA-LU Need and Purpose Public Meeting

Attendees:

See TxDOT Public Meeting Sign in sheets.

Project Concerns heard at exhibit displays *[and responses]*:

From Hide A Way Lake participants:

- Dislike Noise, Air Quality, and Visual impacts of the project. *[noted]*
- Thinks property values will decline due to project. *[noted, other opinions exist]*
- Access at FM 16 proposed interchange will be a benefit for getting to south Tyler once LP 49 is in place. *[noted]*
- Comments from non-residents that attend local camps (eg: Timberline Baptist Encampment) should be taken less lightly than local residents since they only stay there one week out of the year while people that live in Hide A Way live here year round. *[all comments received will be considered]*

From study area property owners:

- Dislike project crossing their property. *[understood and noted]*
- Concerned about access to property severed by project. *[noted]*
- Dislike being "on hold" with improvement or development plans until preferred route is selected. *[understood and noted]*
- Get as far away from my place as possible. *[understood and noted]*
- At first we did not like the project at all and wanted to fight to stop it, then we accepted the fact that it was going to happen and it was probably going to adversely affect our property (on the west side of the study area). Now we just want know where it is going, how it is going to affect us, and move on. It is the not knowing that is the most difficult. *[understood and noted]*
- People who pay property taxes in the study area of the project should have a greater voice in the decision making. *[all voices and comments received will be considered]*

From general participants:

- Project will not benefit me. *[noted]*
- No one will use the relief route if it is tolled. *[noted, other opinions exist]*
- Why not go around Lindale on the east side and either connect to IH 20 or LP 49 on the east side where it was planned to come out at SH 155 NE of Tyler? *[route length and related cost significantly higher than study area corridor alternatives]*
- Why is this taking so long? *[changes in legislative and agency processes]*
- We would like to know the location as soon as possible so the people who own lots, have lots to sell, are looking for lots to buy, etc. can move on. *[noted]*
- Why don't you go ahead and tell us where the location will be because "you already know which alternative is the preferred alternative." *[preferred alternative undetermined at this time]*



Welcome

US 69 Lindale Reliver Route Participating Agency Meeting & Workshop

November 16, 2006



Introductions

- Name
- Representing
- What are your expectations for this meeting?



SAFETEA-LU Requirements

- EIS Coordination Plan
 - Publish NOI and hold agency/public scoping meeting (Sept 25, 2006)
 - Develop Need & Purpose (Nov 2, 2006 ver)
 - W/Draft Coordination Plan & Schedule
 - Participating Agency Invitations
 - Comment period ended Oct 2006
 - Identify Corridor Alternatives
 - 30 Day Agency comment period
 - Public Involvement Opportunity
 - Workshop, Meetings, Solicitations, or other means



SAFETEA-LU Requirements

- EIS Coordination Plan (cont.)
 - Develop Impact Assessment Methods
 - Develop DEIS
 - Identify Preferred Corridor
 - Develop alignment alternatives for at least 2 designs
 - Complete DEIS & hold Hearing
 - Complete FEIS
 - FHWA issues ROD



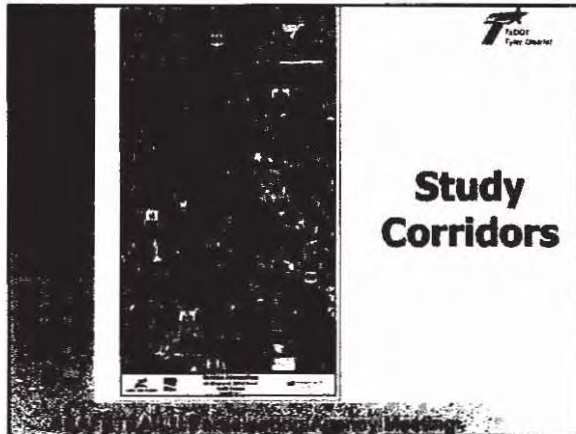
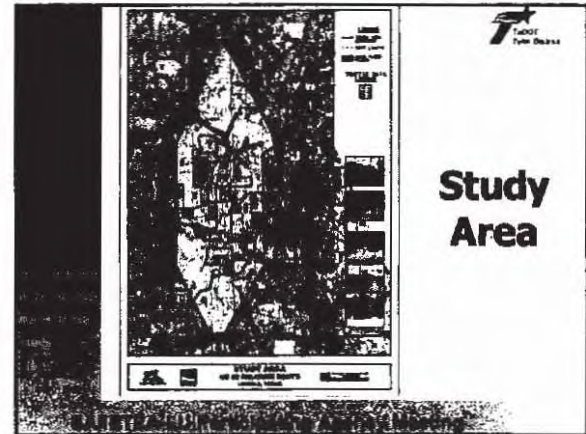
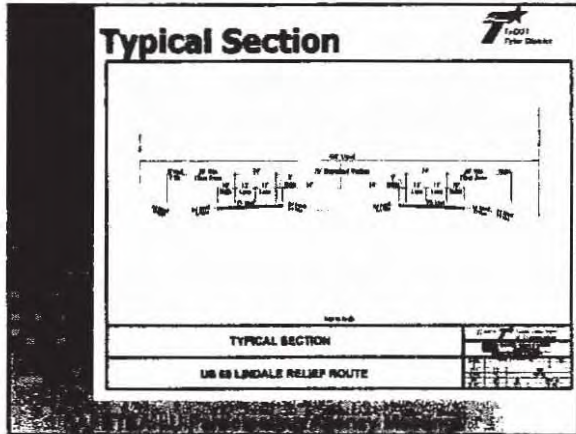
SAFETEA-LU Requirements

- EIS Coordination Plan (cont.)
 - Further Project Development
 - Environmental Permitting
 - Develop ROW Maps and Deeds
 - Acquire ROW and adjust Utilities
 - Develop Plans and Specifications
 - Construction



Need & Purpose Public Mtg

- Held September 25, 2006
- Comments evaluated
 - No written Need & Purpose comments
 - Several written comments pertaining to corridors
- Need & Purpose updated to address agency comments



- ### Corridor Evaluation Criteria
- Identify concerns related to the project
 - Provide measure for quantifying potential project impacts
 - Used to evaluate impacts for various project alternatives
 - Relative importance depending on agency or individual
- SAFETEA-LI Participating Agency Meeting

- ### Evaluation Criteria
- Project Cost & Engineering Criteria
 - Project length
 - Project Construction Cost
 - Project ROW and Utility Adjustment Cost
 - Number of major utility crossings requiring adjustment
- SAFETEA-LI Participating Agency Meeting

- ### Evaluation Criteria
- Project Cost & Engineering Criteria (cont.)
 - Ability to economically construct project in phases
 - Existing Topography and Earthwork requirements
 - Others?
- SAFETEA-LI Participating Agency Meeting



Evaluation Criteria

- **Project Safety and Access Criteria**
 - Number of Interchanges
 - Skew of Interchanges
 - Number of Grade separations
 - Skew of Grade separations
 - Access to Developing Areas
 - Number of new access roads
 - Length of new access roads
 - Others?



Evaluation Criteria

- **Social/Human Environment Criteria**
 - Commercial Land Use
 - Community Land Use
 - Church Land Use
 - Oil/Gas Land Use
 - Park Land Use
 - Public Land Use
 - Residential Land Use
 - Mixed Residential/Commercial Land Use



Evaluation Criteria

- **Social/Human Environment Criteria (cont.)**
 - School Land Use
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
 - Air Quality - Attainment Issues
 - Noise Levels - Receivers within corridor
 - Historic and Archeological Assets (recorded)
 - Cemeteries
 - Social and Economic Impact of Tolled Highway
 - Hazardous Waste Sites
 - Water Wells (recorded)
 - Others?



Evaluation Criteria

- **Natural Environment Criteria**
 - Waters of the US/Wetlands - Acres
 - Waters of the US/Streams - Linear Feet
 - Water Quality - 303(d) listed streams
 - Wildlife Habitat - Forested Area
 - Floodplains - number of crossings
 - Floodplains - acres



Evaluation Criteria

- **Natural Environment Criteria (cont.)**
 - Threatened/Endangered Species- Federally Listed Occurrences
 - Threatened/Endangered Species- State Listed Occurrences
 - Aesthetic and Scenic Quality
 - Others?



Criteria Relative Importance Factor Survey

- **Relative Importance Factor consists of a scale of numbers identified below ranging from 1 (representing very small emphasis) to 5 (representing very strong emphasis)**
 - > 1 = Very Small Emphasis
 - > 2 = Small Emphasis
 - > 3 = Some Emphasis
 - > 4 = Strong Emphasis
 - > 5 = Very Strong Emphasis

Criteria Relative Importance Factor Survey Implementation

- Will compute Average Scoring for each criteria based on surveys
- Will compute Average Scoring for each criteria category based on surveys
- Will present data results in rank order to help with project impact assessment
- Surveys need to be returned by Friday December 15, 2006

Schedule

Activity	Expected Occurrence
Holding of Interest Publication and Scoping Activities	Summer 2006
Development of Purpose and Need	Summer/Fall 2006
Identification of Range of Alternatives	Fall 2006
Collaboration on Impact Assessment Methodologies	Winter 2006/2007
Completion of the DEIS	Spring 2007
Identification of the Preferred Alternative and the Level of Design Detail	Winter/Spring 2007
Completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)	Fall 2007
Completion of ROD	Winter 2008
Completion of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals after the ROD	Prior to Construction (to be determined based on funding)

Break?



EIS Coordination Plan Q&A

- Does any Participating Agency desire any additional discussion concerning the project's EIS Coordination Plan?

Need & Purpose Q&A

- Does any Participating Agency desire any additional discussion concerning the project's Need and Purpose?

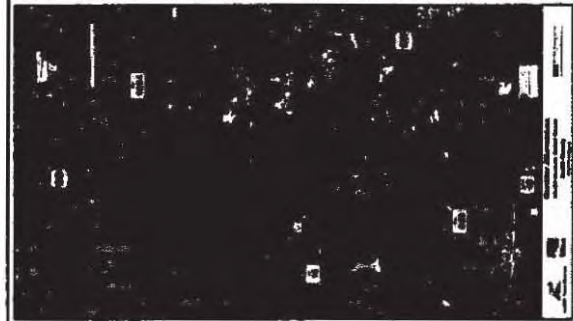
Study Area Q&A

- Does any Participating Agency desire any additional discussion concerning the project's Study Area?



Workshop - Study Corridors

- We would like input from each Participating Agency concerning the Study Corridors for this project?
- Do we need to look at adjusting or adding corridors?
- Let's discuss.



Workshop – Evaluation Criteria

- We would like input from each Participating Agency concerning the evaluation criteria to aid in this project's Impact Assessment Methodology.
- Criteria listed is typical.
- Should additional criteria be considered?
- Let's review the criteria in the meeting packet and discuss.



Workshop – Criteria RIF Survey

- We would like input from each Participating Agency concerning the Relative Importance Factor (RIF) for each criteria to aid in this project's Impact Assessment Methodology.
- Complete tonight or complete later at your convenience.
- Return surveys by December 15, 2006 as instructed in packet.



Next Meeting

- After Surveys analyzed
- After Corridor evaluations made
- Expected early 2007



Questions ?

Remember to return surveys by
December 15, 2006
Thank You!

**US 69/Loop 49 North
Lindale Reliever Route**

Environmental Impact Statement Coordination Plan

CSJ 0190-04-033

Prepared by:

**Texas Department of Transportation
Tyler District Office
Tyler, Texas**

Revised November 16, 2006

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The purpose of a Coordination Plan (Plan), one of several requirements under Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (August 10, 2005) bill of 2005, is to coordinate public and agency (Federal Lead, Joint Lead, Cooperating, Participating) participation and comment during the environmental review process associated with the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the extension of US 69/Loop 49 in Smith County, Texas. The Plan integrates The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) requirements with other environmental review and consultation requirements in order to reduce delay in the environmental review process.

This Plan has been prepared in collaboration with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and consists of the following sections:

- Section 1. Agency Definitions
- Section 2. Agency Expectations
- Section 3. Specific Milestones Review Process
- Section 4. Issues Resolution Process
- Exhibit 1. Preliminary Schedule for Completion of Environmental Review Process

The Plan for the US 69/Loop 49 North Lindale Reliever Route project is preliminary, and is subject to change based on the input of Federal Lead, Agency (FHWA), Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT), Participating and Cooperating entities. The preliminary schedule for completion of the environmental review process is attached as Exhibit 1.

1. AGENCY DEFINITIONS

Federal Lead Agency: The Department of Transportation agency conducting the NEPA analysis. For US 69/Loop 49, this is FHWA.

Federal Lead Agency	Contact Person / Title	Phone / Email
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Mohammad Farhoud / Area Engineer	(512) -536-5925 Mohammad.Farhoud@fhwa.dot.gov

Joint Lead Agency: A project sponsor that is a state or local government receiving SAFETEA-LU funds. For US 69/Loop 49, this is TxDOT.

Joint Lead Agency	Contact Person / Title	Phone / Email
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)	Jay Tullos / Environmental Coordinator, Tyler District	(903) -510-9153 jtullos@dot.state.tx.us
	Amy Stotts / Environmental Specialist	(903) 510-9107 astotts@dot.state.tx.us

Cooperating Agencies: Federal agencies other than the Federal Lead Agency who have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposal (or a reasonable alternative) for legislation or other major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. For US 69/Loop 49, these are:

Cooperating Agencies*	Contact Person / Title	Phone / Email
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Neil Lebsack	(817) 886-1743 neil.m.lebsack@swf02.usace.army.mil

* Cooperating Agencies are also considered to be Participating Agencies.

Participating Agencies: Federal, state, regional or local agencies who may have an interest in the project. For US 69/Loop 49, these are:

Participating Agencies	Contact Person / Title	Phone / Email
City of Hide-a-Way	Bill Kashouty / Mayor	(903) 597-2221 billk558@cox.net
City of Lindale*	Jim Cox / City Administrator	(903) 882-3422 jimcox@lindaletx.gov
City of Tyler*	Joey Seeber / Mayor Barbara Holly / Planning and Zoning Tom Mullins / Economic Development	(903) 531-1175 (800) 648-9537 tmullins@tylertexas.com
East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG)	Glynn Knight / Executive Director	(903) 984-8641
Northeast Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NETRMA)*	Jeff Austin, III / Executive Director (Chairman)	(903) 595-6585 jeff3@austinbank.com
Sabine River Authority	Jerry Clark / Executive Director	(409) 746-2192
Smith County*	Bill Bala, P.E. / Engineer Becky Dempsey / County Judge*	(903) 590-4800 www.wbala@smith-county.com (903) 535-0577

		bdempsey@smith-county.com
Smith County Historical Commission	Randall Gilbert / Smith Co. Historical Chair	
Texas General Land Office (GLO)	Jerry Patterson / Commissioner	(512) 463-5001
Texas Railroad Commission		
Tyler Chamber of Commerce	Henry Bell / Chief Operating Officer	(903) 592-1661 hbelle@tylertexas.com
Tyler Metro Chamber of Commerce	Dorothy Franks	
Tyler Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)*	Heather Nick / Senior Planner / MPO Coordinator	(903) 531-1174 hnick@tylertexas.com
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Norm Sears	(214) 665-8336
State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)	F. Lawrence Oaks / State Historic Preservation Officer	
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	Dan Burke	(512) 239-0011
Texas Historical Commission (THC)*	Adrienne V. Campbell / Historian	(512) 936-7403 Adrienne.Campbell@thc.state.tx.us
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)—Athens Office*	Karen Hardin / Program Specialist	(903) 675-4447 Karen.Hardin@cox-internet.com
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	Celeste Brancel-Brown	(512) 389-4800
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)-Tyler Office	Susan Baggett / State Resource Conservationist / TSP Coordinator	(254) 742-9805 Susan.Baggett@tx.usda.gov
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Thomas J. Cloud / Field Supervisor	(817) 277-1100 Tom.Cloud@fws.gov

Entities marked with an asterisk () have notified TxDOT of their desire to be a Participating Agency.

2. AGENCY EXPECTATIONS

The expectations for Federal Lead Agency and Joint Lead Agency are:

- Take such action as is necessary and proper to facilitate the expedited review of the environmental review process.
- Ensure that any EIS or other document required under NEPA is completed in accordance with SAFETEA-LU and applicable federal law.
- Provide as early as practicable, but no later than the appropriate project milestone, project information on need and purpose, environmental resources, alternatives and proposed methodologies.
- Provide the Plan to Participating and Cooperating Agencies.
- The Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) will have ultimate responsibility for:
 1. Review and adoption of a NEPA document.
 2. Ensuring that the Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT) complies with all design and mitigation commitments.
- Development of a project purpose and need, the range of alternatives to be considered and other procedural matters.
- Involve the following tribal governments in the NEPA process:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
Eastern Shawnee
Kiowa Indian Tribe
Muscogee Nation
The Delaware Nation*
Tonkawa Tribe
Wichita & Affiliated Tribes

Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma*
Kickapoo of Kansas
Mescalero Apache
Qupaw Tribe
Thlopthlocca Tribal Town
United Keetoowah Band of Indians

Tribes marked with an asterisk () have notified TxDOT of their desire to be involved.

The expectations for Cooperating Agencies are:

- Identify as early as practicable any issue of concern regarding the project's environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Identify as early as practicable any issues that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from the granting a permit or other approval needed for the project.
- Share information that may be useful to the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA), Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT), and Cooperating and Participating Agencies.
- Participate in meetings and field reviews.
- Assume, at the request of the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA), responsibility for preparing analysis over which that Cooperating Agency has special expertise.
- Make support staff available at the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) request.
- Generally use their own resources and funds.

- Review and comment on preliminary drafts of Draft EIS and Final EIS.

The expectations for Participating Agencies are:

- Identify as early as practicable any issue of concern regarding the project's environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Identify as early as practicable any issues that could substantially delay or prevent the an agency from granting a permit, delay completion of the environmental review process, or result in denial of approval needed for the project.
- Provide input on purpose and need, methodologies, alternatives within 15 days of receipt thereof.
- Respond affirmatively in writing to the letter of invitation (for non-federal agencies) within 30 days of receipt thereof.
- Respond in writing to the letter of invitation if you wish to decline the invitation and opt out of the role/process (for federal agencies) within 30 days of the receipt thereof.
- Provide input on this Plan and schedule.
- Participate as needed in Issues Resolution Process described in Section 4.

Specific coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) will be in accordance with the TxDOT/SHPO Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

3. SPECIFIC MILESTONES REVIEW PROCESS

The Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) and the Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT) commit to the following coordination with Participating and Cooperating Agencies:

- Request to Participate Letter will be sent to potential Participating Agencies along with information about the project and specific direction to flag any issues of concern (at the beginning of scoping process).
- Request for review of the project purpose and need (response to be provided within 15 days of receipt thereof). This information on need and purpose will be provided to Participating Agencies by the Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT) as a part of the scoping process.
- Provision of pertinent information about environmental and socioeconomic resources in the area. This information will be provided by written correspondence or in a meeting.
- Review of the following information related to alternatives:
 1. Proposed range of alternatives (including relationship to previous planning studies)
 2. Proposed methodologies for screening of alternatives
 3. Proposed Draft EIS alternatives
 4. Proposed Recommended Preferred Alternative

This information will be provided in meetings and/or by written correspondence. Response to be provided back to the Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT) about each of these within 15 days of receipt thereof.

- Provision of Draft EIS (Response to be provided within 30 days of receipt thereof).

Exhibit 1 contains details regarding each project milestone. The milestone review process will include the following:

I. Notice of Intent (NOI) and Scoping Activities. Publication of the NOI occurred in the Texas Register on August 11, 2006, and in the Federal Register on August 18, 2006. An agency/public scoping meeting was held on September 25, 2006, at the Lindale High School auditorium.

II. Development of Need and Purpose. The Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT) mailed letters of invitation to the initial scoping meeting to potential Participating and Coordinating Agencies, in order to solicit comments on the draft Need and Purpose and provide them with the draft Coordination Plan and project schedule for their comments. If the project schedule is later modified, the modified schedule will be distributed to agencies/entities identified as Participating and Coordinating agencies. The agency comment period was 30 days. The contacted agencies did not have comments on the draft Need and Purpose or draft Coordination Plan. Note: A copy of the Need and Purpose Statement is attached to this Coordination Plan.

Participating and Coordinating Agencies were contacted by letter dated August 14, 2006. TxDOT will solicit comments on the analysis of project alternatives from all participating agencies. The agency comment period will not exceed 30 days. If comments regarding methodologies and level of detail to be used in the analysis of project alternatives are provided, the commenting agency should describe the alternate methodology that it prefers and state why. After the participating agencies have had the opportunity to comment and provide input, TxDOT/FHWA will compile their input and make a decision on the methodology and level of detail to be used, and relay that decision to participating agencies.

TxDOT held a public/agency scoping meeting on September 25, 2006, in order to solicit comments on the scope of the EIS, as well as the draft Need and Purpose statement and draft Coordination Plan. The draft Coordination Plan included a preliminary project schedule. Approximately 115 people attended the meeting, which included an open house period as well as a formal presentation by the TxDOT project manager. No verbal or written comments regarding the draft Need and Purpose or Coordination Plan were received from members of the public or agencies. Several comments regarding potential alternatives to be considered were submitted.

TxDOT will hold a second public/agency scoping meeting in the Fall/Winter of 2006 in order to present the refined Need and Purpose and move toward a discussion of alternatives to be considered. The public meeting will be publicized and will take the form of a meeting/workshop, to include solicitation of verbal or written input. In addition, conference calls, website postings, distribution of printed materials, meetings with affected property owners, or other means as appropriate will be utilized in order to seek additional public input. TxDOT will advertise the public involvement opportunity according to established TxDOT/FHWA protocol.

The project schedule was made available in the draft Coordination Plan distributed at the September 25, 2006 meeting. In the future, the schedule will be made available by posting on a project website, distributing to the people on a project mailing list, or handing out at future public meetings. If the schedule is modified, the modified

schedule will be shared with the public in the same way as the previous schedule. The public comment period will not exceed 30 days.

TxDOT will hold an additional public involvement opportunity to solicit comments on the project alternatives. The public involvement opportunity will be publicized and will take the form of a meeting/workshop, and include solicitation of verbal or written input. In addition, conference calls, website postings, meetings with participating agencies and affected property owners, distribution of printed materials, or other means as appropriate will be utilized in order to seek additional public input. TxDOT will advertise the public involvement opportunity according to established TxDOT/FHWA protocol. The public comment period will not exceed 30 days.

III. Identification of Range of Alternatives. The Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT) will determine the appropriate methodologies and level of detail required in the analysis of each alternative, in consultation with the Lead Federal Agency (FHWA) and the public.

IV. Collaboration on Impact Assessment Methodologies. The Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT) will collaborate with the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA), Cooperating and Participating Agencies regarding the methodologies to be utilized in the impact assessment process. The method of collaboration will be primarily informal communications. Products of this process, such as comparison matrices or impact summaries, will be circulated to those entities requesting a participating role in the project, for their review and comment.

V. Completion of DEIS. Notice of publication of the Draft EIS (DEIS) will be published in the Federal Register. The comment period for agencies and the public is not to exceed 60 days after publication. A Public Hearing will be held after the DEIS is approved. The Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT) will advertise the Public Hearing according to established TxDOT/FHWA protocol.

VI. Identification of the Preferred Alternative and the Level of Design Detail. After the completion of the scoping process, the Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT) will develop a reasonable number of reasonable alignment alternatives (at least two), which will be carried forward (along with the No Build Alternative) for detailed evaluation in the EIS document. All reasonable alternatives, as well as the No Build, will be evaluated to an equivalent level of detail in the DEIS document.

VII. Completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). If the DEIS identifies one of the build alternatives as the recommended preferred alternative, the Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT) will request from the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) permission to develop for the Final EIS (FEIS) a higher level of design detail than for the other alternatives. This request may be included in a letter to the Lead Federal Agency (FHWA) requesting acceptance of the identification of a preferred alternative.

VIII. Completion of the Record of Decision (ROD). Following approval of the FEIS, the Lead Federal Agency (FHWA) will prepare a Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed undertaking. This ROD will summarize the findings of the EIS process and compile a list of commitments included in the FEIS document.

IX. Completion of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals after the ROD. All required permits, licenses or approvals identified in the Final EIS will be obtained prior to the

initiation of construction, in a manner consistent with all local, state and federal laws. Environmental commitments from the FEIS will be summarized in the ROD.

4. ISSUES RESOLUTION PROCESS

The Federal Lead Agency (FHWA), the Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT), Cooperating and Participating Agencies shall work cooperatively in accordance with this section to identify and resolve issues that could delay completion of the environmental review process or could result in denial of any approvals required for the project under applicable laws.

Based on information received from the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA), Joint Lead Agency (TxDOT), Cooperating and Participating Agencies shall identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts. Issues of concern include any issues that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project.

Meetings will be held as needed during the course of the NEPA process to discuss and resolve issues.

If issues are not being resolved in a timely manner:

- An official issues resolution meeting will be scheduled.
- If resolution cannot be achieved within 30 days following such a meeting and a determination has been made by the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) that all information necessary to resolve the issues has been obtained, then
- The Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) will notify the heads of all Participating and Cooperating Agencies, the Governor, the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Council of Environmental Quality, and
- The Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) will publish such notice in the Federal Register.

Exhibit 1 Preliminary Schedule for Completion of Environmental Review Process for Proposed US 69/Loop 49 Lindale Reliever Route

Activity	Expected Occurrence
I. Notice of Intent (NOI) Publication and Scoping Activities	August-September 2006
II. Development of Need and Purpose	August-November 2006
III. Identification of Range of Alternatives	Winter 2007 (Jan. / Feb.)
IV. Identify Impact Assessment Methodologies	Winter 2007 (Jan. / Feb.)
V. Completion of the DEIS	Spring 2007
VI. Identification of the Preferred Alternative and the Level of Design Detail	Winter/Spring 2007
VII. Completion of the FEIS	Fall 2007
VIII. Completion of Record of Decision (ROD)	Winter 2007/2008
IX. Completion of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals after the ROD	Pre-Construction (based on funding availability)

US 69 Lindale Reliever Route/Loop 49 North-- Need and Purpose (Draft)

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) proposes to construct the US 69 Lindale Reliever Route/Loop 49 North roadway facility in Smith County, Texas. The proposed improvement would involve construction of a US 69/Loop 49 roadway on new location with limits from the planned Loop 49 West/IH 20 Interchange to a point along the existing US 69 north of the City of Lindale. The proposed project would be approximately 5 to 6 miles in length, depending on the alternative selected. This project would primarily serve as a connector/continuation between Loop 49 and US 69 and will be evaluated as a toll road candidate project.

A Feasibility Study prepared in 2001 evaluated four corridor alternatives along new location right-of-way and a No-Build alternative, resulting in the identification of a recommended study corridor. Subsequent public involvement opportunities have identified additional study corridors. Evaluation of these corridor alternatives, as well as a reasonable number of alignment alternatives within the study corridors, will be documented in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The study area is illustrated on the attached exhibit.

Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed improvements would be designed to provide a safe and efficient transportation corridor. TxDOT has identified the following underlying needs that the project would address: safety, mobility, connectivity and capacity.

Safety

- A considerable amount of development including retail development has occurred in the area surrounding Tyler. Residential, industrial and commercial growth has also occurred in and around the City of Lindale. The cities of Tyler and Lindale expect the trend in increasing development to continue. Accompanying the economic benefits of development is an increase in traffic volumes that is impacting the existing US 69 system, with heavy congestion occurring in downtown Lindale. Completion of the Loop 49 West facility without a US 69 Reliever Route being in place would force Loop 49 West traffic traveling through on US 69 to utilize the current roadway through Lindale, exacerbating the traffic and decreasing roadway safety on the existing facility.

Based on projected traffic volumes provided by TxDOT, with the reliever route constructed, the 2027 volume would be 28,400 vehicles per day (vpd) on the existing US 69 north of IH 20. This volume is comparable to the 2007 projected volume of 29,000 vpd (without the proposed reliever route constructed). Without

the reliever route in place, the projected volume on US 69 north of IH 20 is projected to be 35,000 vpd (from *Feasibility Study for Lindale Reliever Route in Smith County*; TxDOT, 2001).

Mobility

- Another factor in determining the need and location of the Lindale Reliever Route is TxDOT's plan for the Loop 49 around the City of Tyler. The southern and western sections of the Loop (Loop 49 West) around Tyler has received a designation for a toll road and the proposed Lindale Reliever Route facility would be an extension of Loop 49 continuing north and tying into existing US 69 north of Lindale, providing an important link in regional transportation mobility.

System Linkage

- Loop 49 provides a critical link in the integrated regional transportation network, ultimately providing a circumferential loop around the City of Tyler (when combined with IH 20) while allowing through-traffic to bypass the existing and increasingly congested roadway network within the city, particularly US 69 (which transits highly populated residential areas through Tyler). US 69 is a component of the Texas Trunk System and provides for the safe, effective, and efficient movement of people and freight goods in east and northeast Texas.

Capacity

- The proposed facility would be designed to provide adequate capacity to meet future traffic demands and volumes. The upgrade of US 69 from Lindale to Mineola to a four-lane divided facility is under construction and Loop 49 West is approved and moving forward. The Lindale section would create a bottleneck between these two upgraded roadway sections if a reliever route/connector is not constructed. US 69 north of Lindale, IH 20 and Loop 49 West will be divided freeway facilities without stop lights/signs, unlike the section of US 69 through downtown Lindale, which includes an urban, undivided section with multiple stops.

Purpose of the Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed project will serve the stated needs by:

- Improving safety, thereby reducing accident rates.
- Providing a highway which would facilitate the movement of people and goods throughout the region. The proposed facility would complement the regional US 69 and Loop 49 concepts.
- Providing adequate capacity to meet future traffic demands and volumes. Improving capacity is consistent with the policies and goals adopted within the

November 2, 2006 version
TxDOT and Agency review comments addressed

Tyler District's long range plans and the Tyler Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) plan.

11/16/2006

Corridor Evaluation Criteria & Relative Importance Factor Survey US 69 Lindale Reliever

Participating Agency Instructions:

STEP 1. Page 2 and 3 of this document contains a list of criteria being considered to be used to evaluate corridor alternatives for this project. Please review this list for completeness in evaluating these corridors. Any agency may propose additional criteria for inclusion into the corridor evaluation and if so presented, may be included in the evaluation process if approved by a majority of the Participating Agencies present and if consistent with FHWA guidance. For example, within the social context of local deer hunting, one agency could propose that we should look at the number of Deer Stands within each corridor. If a majority of the agencies present agree, and if consistent with FHWA guidance, we would add criteria #18, Number of Deer Stands, under Social/Human Environment Criteria.

The goal of this step will be to gain input from the Participating Agencies concerning the criteria to be used for the project's Impact Assessment Methodology.

STEP 2. For each criteria identified in STEP 1, determine a Relative Importance Factor from a scale of numbers as identified below ranging from 1 (representing very small emphasis) to 5 (representing very strong emphasis). There is no "right" or "wrong" answer here. All evaluation criteria will be considered in the evaluation process. Choose the number that most reflects your and your Participating Agency's opinions as to the Relative Importance Factor each criteria should have for evaluating the corridor alternatives. Use the following Relative Importance Factor scale for your selection.

- 1 = Very Small Emphasis
- 2 = Small Emphasis
- 3 = Some Emphasis
- 4 = Strong Emphasis
- 5 = Very Strong Emphasis

- + Speak for your agency; give your honest opinion.
- + Vary your responses. You might begin filling out the survey thinking all the items are extremely important. But some statements need more emphasis than others. Show these variations in your responses.

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If desired, the Participating Agency may take this survey back to their office to garner additional input from agency peers. Surveys must be delivered to TxDOT (TxDOT Tyler District Office, Attn: Amy Stotts, 2709 W Front Street, Tyler, Texas 75702 or TxDOT Mineola Area Office Attn: Ladd Thompson, 205 NE Loop 564, Mineola, Texas 75773) prior to 5:00 p.m. local time on Friday December 15, 2006. Surveys received after this deadline may or may not be included in this survey data.

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Criteria & Relative Importance Survey

Criteria Number	Criteria	Relative Importance Factor (1-5)
Project Cost & Engineering Criteria		
1	Project length	
2	Project Construction Cost	
3	Project ROW and Utility Adjustment Cost	
4	Number of major utility crossings requiring adjustment	
5	Ability to economically construct project in phases	
6	Existing Topography and Earthwork requirements	
Project Safety and Access Criteria		
1	Number of Interchanges	
2	Skew of Interchanges	
3	Number of Grade separations	
4	Skew of Grade separations	
5	Access to Developing Areas	
6	Number of new access roads	
7	Length of new access roads	
Social/Human Environment Criteria		
1	Commercial Land Use	
2	Community Land Use	
3	Church Land Use	
4	Oil/Gas Land Use	
5	Park Land Use	
6	Public Land Use	
7	Residential Land Use	
8	Mixed Residential/Commercial Land Use	
9	School Land Use	
10	Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities	
11	Air Quality – Attainment Issues	
12	Noise Levels – Receivers within corridor	
13	Historic and Archeological Assets (recorded)	
14	Cemeteries	
15	Social and Economic Impact of Tolloed Highway	
16	Hazardous Waste Sites	
17	Water Wells (recorded)	

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	Natural Environment Criteria	
1	Waters of the US/Wetlands -- Acres	
2	Waters of the US/Streams -- Linear Feet	
3	Water Quality -- 303(d) listed streams	
4	Wildlife Habitat -- Forested Area	
5	Floodplains -- number of crossings	
6	Floodplains -- acres	
7	Threatened/Endangered Species-- Federally Listed Occurrences	
8	Threatened/Endangered Species-- State Listed Occurrences	
9	Aesthetic and Scenic Quality -- degree of constraint	

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List of Acronyms and Terms used in presentation

SAFETEA-LU - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Federal Legislation signed August 10, 2005 by President George W. Bush. [1]

NOI – Notice of Intent. A Notice of intent is a notice published to give notice that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The NOI includes the proposed action, the scoping process, and the name and address of a person to whom comments may be sent. [2]

Need & Purpose - A broad statement of the project's transportation objectives (Purpose) along with a detailed explanation of existing conditions that need to be changed or problems that need to be remedied (Need).

EIS - Environmental Impact Statement. An environmental impact statement is a document which is prepared when significant project impacts are evident or identified after analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA). The EIS requires both a draft and final statement and extensive public involvement. [2]

EIS Coordination Plan – The plan developed to structure the lead agency's interaction with the participating agencies and the public during development of an Environmental Impact Statement. [1]

Participating Agency - Interested agencies that have a chance to comment during specific phases of the environmental review process. Participating agencies can be any Federal, State, Tribal, or local government agency. [1]

Corridor - A broad geographical band with no predefined size or scale that follows a general directional flow connecting major sources of trips. It involved a nominally linear transportation service area that may contain a number of streets, highways, and transit route alignments. [2]

DEIS – Draft Environmental Impact Statement [2]

Alignments – Alignments refer to the geometric design elements that define the horizontal and vertical configuration of the roadways. [2]

FEIS – Final Environmental Impact Statement [2]

FHWA – US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration [1]

ROD – Record of Decision. The final approval of an Environmental Impact Statement issued by the FHWA. [2]

ROW – Right of way. A general term denoting land, property or interest therein, usually in a strip, acquired for or devoted to transportation purposes. [2]

Study Area – Geographical area establishing general project boundaries.

Study Corridors – Corridors established for comparative studies.

Corridor Evaluation Criteria – Attributes identified and measured for each corridor to help discern positive and negative project impacts.

Interchange — A system of interconnecting roadways in conjunction with one or more grade separations that provides for the movement of traffic between two or more roadways or highways on different levels. [2]

Grade Separation — The crossing of two highways or a highway and a railroad at different levels. [2]

Access — Conditions on certain sections of highways where the right to access the highway by abutting property owners or occupants is allowed by a public authority. [2]

Noise Receiver — Location of an outdoor area where frequent human activity occurs that might be impacted by highway traffic noise and may benefit from reduced noise levels. [2]

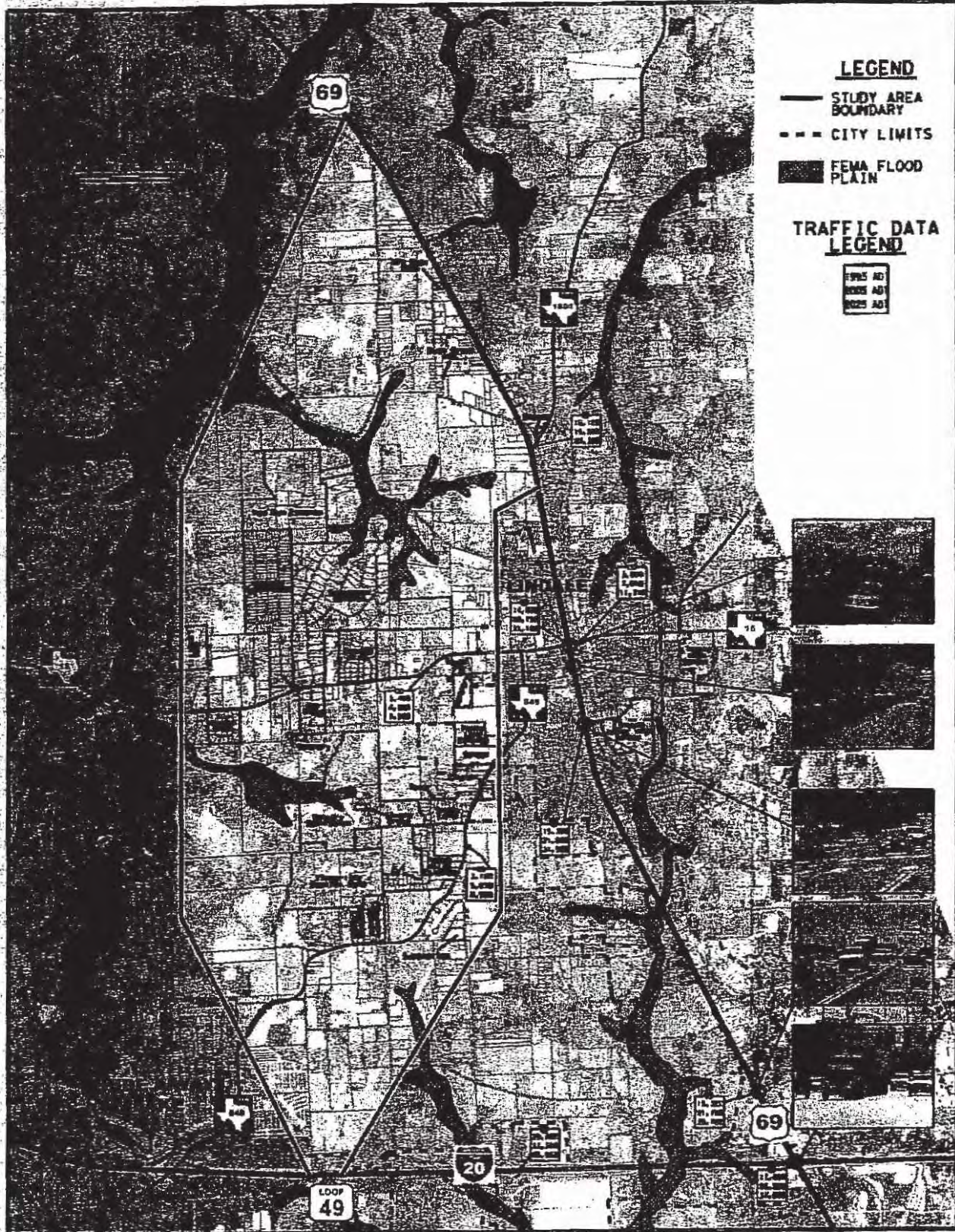
Waters of the US/Wetlands — Waters of the US are all waters which are currently used, were used, or may be used, for interstate or foreign commerce, including waters subject to tidal effect and wetlands. Wetlands means land that is inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions such as swamps, marches, bogs, and similar areas. [2]

303(d) listed streams - Water bodies that are not meeting quality standards set for their use under the federal Clean Water Act. [3]

Threatened/Endangered Species — A threatened species is any species which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range. An endangered species is any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. [2]

References:

- [1] FHWA- <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov>
- [2] TxDOT- <ftp://ftp.dot.state.tx.us>
- [3] TCEQ-<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us>



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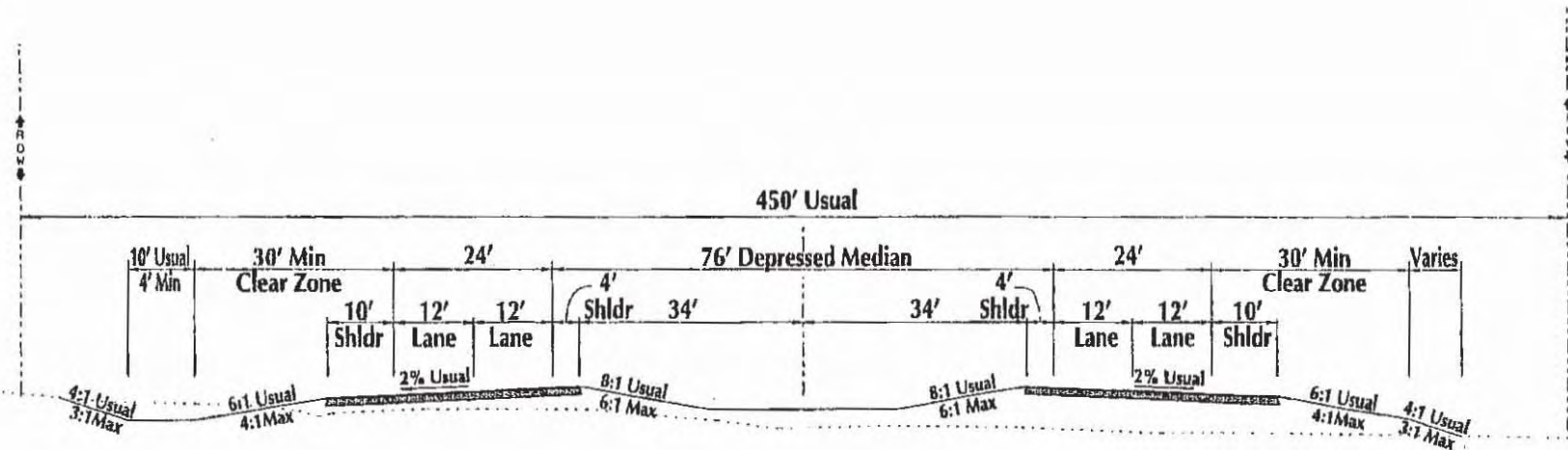
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Meeting Notes

BWR Project: 2006-0331.01

November 16, 2006

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Kinsey Community Center, Lindale, Texas

SAFETEA-LU Participating Agency Meeting

Attendees:

See TxDOT Meeting Sign in sheets.

Ladd Thompson from the TxDOT Mineola Area Office opened the meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves. Ladd introduced John Goodwin from Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation (BWR) Tyler Office and turned the meeting over to John for the informational presentation. John covered the status of the project including discussing the EIS Coordination Plan, Need and Purpose, September 25, 2006 Public Meeting, Study Area, Typical Section, Study Corridors, Corridor Evaluation Criteria, and Relative Importance Factor Survey. During the presentation, those present commented on and asked various questions related to general project development and project impacts. The meeting recessed for a 15 minute break.

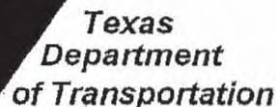
After the break, John went through a Question and Answer period for the EIS Coordination Plan, Need & Purpose, and Study Area for the project. After the Question and Answer period, the Participating Agencies present were asked to review and comment on the existing Study Corridors.

John discussed project investigations that involved shifting Corridor D to the west just north of FM 16 to miss a mobile home subdivision and investigations into looking at a corridor that veered off of Corridor E just north of FM 16, merging with Corridor D approximately 1 mile north. Comments from those in attendance indicated that Corridor D should be shifted west north of FM 16 to miss the mobile home subdivision and corridors should be studied to connect Corridor E to Corridor D as well as Corridor D to Corridor E north of FM 16. These will be give Corridor F and Corridor G designations.

John discussed the presented evaluation criteria proposed to be used to evaluate project impacts. Comments from those in attendance indicated the desire to evaluate light pollution as a social impact and as such, that evaluation criteria was added to the list.

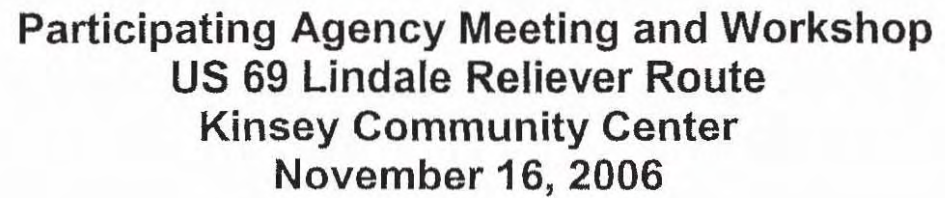
John explained the desire to gather input from each participating agency for evaluation criteria relative importance. John asked for a combined response from each Participating Agency and requested return of these surveys by December 15, 2006. TxDOT and BWR thanked those in attendance and the meeting was adjourned.

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